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Major adds to Saudi turmoil

the furore over Mas'ari, describing the Saudi dissident an illegal immigrant amid growing signs of confusion as to

decision to deport him. The Prime Minister said Mr
Mas ari had sought to create
an "unsettled relationship"
with Saudi Arabia — which
was critical to the stability of
further humiliation in the the Gulf and British interests - and his administration could not "tolerantly look to

There was fresh embarrass ment for the Government yesterday when it emerged that the BBC's Arabic television service was blacked out at the Saudi-owned satellite relay station in Rome after news broke last week of the deci-

sion to deport Mr Mas'ari to Dominica in the Caribbean. The service is channelled through Orbit Communicabusiness empire, owned by Saudi Prince Khalid bin 'Abd



stressed both that Mr Mas'ari is an illegal immigrant — a common necessity for many people fleeing political persecution — and the importance of Saudi Arabia to Gulf stabilthe furore over ity. Though he did not say so, plans to expel that means the whole struc-Mohammed alture of western economies

dependent on Gulf oil.

Mr Major's intervention
came as Tory MPs expressed
astonishment that the Govwhether commercial or stra-tegic reasons lay behind the such an embarrassing public relations defeat over a deci-

> courts as remarks by Michael Howard and his Home Office team, linking deportation with commercial calculations, will be used to Mr Ma'ari's appeal.

> One former minister said: "It is vital not to pierce the integrity of the system. Ministers should have stuck to the line about his being an undesirable illegal immigrant."

The result, some Tory MPs predicted, will make tackling "the massive problem" of asyhum abuse by bogus claimtions, part of the Mawarid ants much harder at a time when the controversial Asylum and Immigration Bill faces Commons scrutiny.

night said broadcasting had been resumed, but the gaps in transmission —were being "urgently investigated".

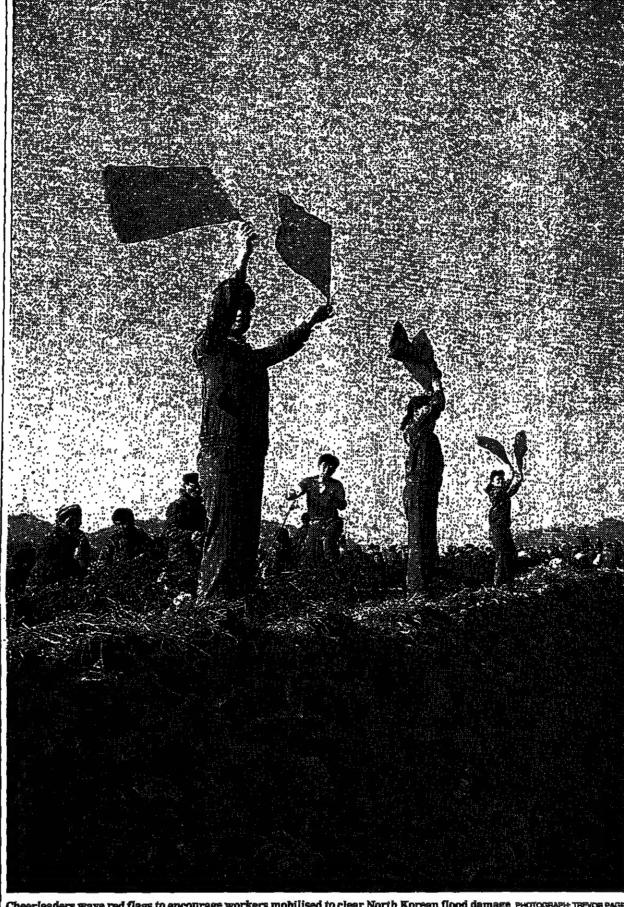
The Prime Minister's sharply different tops

ment on suggestions by Mr Mas'ari that a remark about "stifling" him in its leaked memorandum — published in the Guardian on Saturday was a reference to a Saudi

kidnap or murder plot. The memo, by the firm's chief executive, Sir Colin Chandler, cited a view in intelligence and business cir-cles that "direct Saudi intervention" against the dissident could be "difficult". In the first official Saudi response Mr Mas'ari was

stripped of his citizenship.

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Cheerleaders wave red flags to encourage workers mobilised to clear North Korean flood damage Photograph Trevor page

Last bastion of communism ary. Rice, soya soup and pickled cabbage are the sole food for the vast majority. The land is as exhausted as

Victoria Brittaln

NORTH KOREA, the secremunism in the world, is suf-fering a devastating famine which, without urgent action from Western aid organisa-tions, threatens to unleash a

So tightly closed has North Korea been that no one knows how many of its 22 million people are starving. But residents reached by telephone vesterday told of severe punishment for smuggling food. of families whose 15-day ration must last a month, of

the Ethiopian highlands were when famine struck there a gramme and the Red Cross decade ago. Loss of aid for agriculture from China and the former Soviet Union, compounded by catastrophic needs 1.2 million tons of food floods last year, led to the colaid — one-eighth of total food lapse in cereal harvests. Despite chronic weakness, peasants are fighting back with a tions, threatens to unleash a babies fed only on sugar ants are fighting back with a flood of refugees that could water, and of an illicit free self-reliance that has astondestabilise the entire region.

and the propaganda campaign by Washington, which claims Pyongyang poses a nuclear weapons' threat, makes it dif-

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Life on the edge offers investors last smellorium in England and last unsavoury kitchen in Scotland

Roger Coure

OUSEHUNTERS fed up with Middle England might consider two unusual properties which come on the market today, each with many original

Viewers will need their own transport, as the propthe bidding.
erties are 832 miles apart | Land's End includes an and not terribly convenient for public transport. They are Land's End and John o' Groats, which have come substantially refurblshed on the market together for the first time, giving some extremist with £5.5 million the chance to buy Great Britain's most northerly and westerly points.

Buyers need not worry about being caught in a lengthy chain — the seller is leaving the country. The New Zealand property and investment company, Gulf Resources Pacific, which bought the sites from entre preneur Peter de Savary in separate deals in 1991, has decided to concentrate on features. They won't have to go to the ends of the earth, just the ends of mainland Britain.

preneur Peter de Savary in separate deals in 1991, has decided to concentrate on its investments back home.

Mr de Savary said yester-Mr de Savary said yester-day he was tempted to join

hotel, cafes and shops, holiday cottages and 500,000 visitors a year. It has been since it was first sold to a commercial owner in 1981. theme park. While retain- scape", the property has sophisticated, computer-

What you get

Land's End Over 100 acres of imbad lessure development and open her

Modern visitor complex including car parks O. 3-star hotel with 33 bedrooms catering and retail outlets First and Last Inn
 Holiday lettings, cottage farm and craft complex

Half a million visitors a year John o' Groats O 20 acres of land O Hotel with 15 bedrooms O Coffee shop, visitor shop.
O Planning permission for 14 extra bedrooms and a visitor attraction

250,000 visitors a year

Sea views across Pendand Firth to Orkney Islands Orkney Islands ferry service terminal

ing the original features of | also benefited from the cre-It was acquired by Mr de what the estate agent ation of a visitor centre a small hotel set in 20 Savary five years later and describes as an "exciting, which represents tradihe began to turn it into a wild and dramatic landtional Cornwall "in a except the wind.

show".

A "man against the sea" exhibition includes Cornish fishing craft, a history

lorium". The present owners have added several adjacent properties, used mainly as holiday lettings, to the

main bolding. This has, the estate agent says, "assisted in underwriting the asset value and the existing trading base". While substantial work has been put in to Land's

End, John o 'Groats, in contrast, has been operated on a low key "care and mainted a nance" basis. It consists of million can buy just one of

controlled sound and light | tial investment. Last month the Caithness Licensing Board banned cooking in its kitchens because they failed to meet health and bygiene standards.

But the new owners will have the benefit of planning permission to extend the hotel and include a visitor "interpretation centre". The building is not listed as having special historical or architectural interest, which would give wide scope for improvement, and grants may be available from the Highlands and Is-

lands Enterprise company. these sites. The owners, despite having put them together, are prepared to The hotel needs substan- see them sold separately.

Blair unveils economic 'big idea'

Mick Cumming-Bruce in Singapore and Michael White

ONY Blair will today "stakeholder society" binding all parts of national enterprise as the key to restoring Britain's fortunes and as the economic big idea that will help beat the Torles

in the election.

The Labour leader has chosen a brief excursion into the conomic powerhouse of Asia as the moment to provide Labour's answer to Conservative Party sloganeering about making Britain "the enter-prise centre of Europe".

A foretaste of the speech came as Mr Blair paused yesterday between engagements around Singapore, where his declared purpose is to exam-ine ways in which the city-state has pioneered interventionist changes in the financing of cradle-to-the-grave welfare provision.

"I want Britain to be a stakeholder economy where everyone has a chance to get on and succeed, where there is a clear sense of national purpose and where we leave behind some of the battles between left and right which eally are not relevant in the new global economy of

today," he said. Mr Blair's tour of Japan and Singapore — his first major visit outside Europe intended partly to show off "what an incoming Labour government looks like" and to reassure business by spreading New Labour's message on the dynamic

Pacific Rim.
But spurred by the interest and favourable reception he feels he received from Japan's industrial barons, Mr Blair will use today's speech to businessmen in Singapore as the platform to present "the economic justification for social cohesion" — themes more familiar to Asian audiences than those in Britain or

The main thrust of his argument will be that "the creation of an economy where we are inventing and producwe are inventing and produc-ing goods and services of high quality needs the engagement of the whole country. It must become a matter of national purpose and national pride." This needs a relationship of

trust between government and people, he will reason, emphasising that trust means "the recognition of a mutual purpose for which we work together and in which we all benefit. If people feel they have no stake in the economy, they feel little responsibility for it and little inclination to work for its success.

Mr Blair believes this vision will capture the high ground of economic debate — so long the preserve of the Turies — and finally shake off the image of a "tax-and-spend" party which the shadow changeller which the shadow chancellor Gordon Brown, has been working to expunee.

In a further break with Labour's traditions, Mr Blair will argue that old strategies of delivering social justice by redistributing taxes and bene-fits may have served their

purpose in the past.

But they do not fit the country's needs in the emerging global economy, Mr Blair will say. His comments are likely to trouble more cautious colleagues as well as leftwing MPs, some of whom are being wooed by the Scargill-led

breakaway socialist party. John Major yesterday joined ministers in deriding the Labour leader's visit and his soundbite policies: "They seem substantially to be an

empty box".

Mr Blair's speech is intended to pull together all the arguments on social, economic and educational reform he has advanced in 20 months since becoming Labour leader and in the process reinforce his weekend appeal to woo One Nation Tories to Labour.

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As many people in Britain roday know. Arthritis can cause severe crippling joint damage to hands and wrists, making simple tasks seem a daily battle. Feet, knees, hips, shoulders, elbows, jaw and neck can also be affected, causing unrelenting pain and disability.

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Moscow sketch

Late Christmas comes early



James Meek

TWAS a mean trick to play on Muscovites — and on the Russian Christmas Day,

It was all very well a year ago, when the foundation stone of the Church of Christ the Saviour was laid on the embankment of the Moscow River and Mayor Yuri Luzhkov promised to have the building erected within 12 months. Everyone could laugh and shake their heads and for the next few decades another weed-infested con-struction site would adorn the

But then things got out of hand. Building workers were observed to be at work. Not just in the daytime — around the clock. Almost overnight, a 300ft brick and concrete replica of the destroyed 19th century church appeared on the skyline. The builders even uminated it. Anyone would

think they were proud.
Finally, yesterday, Christmas Day according to the
Julian calendar still used by
Orthodox Christians, the country's leaders shattered their people's faith in two of the most holy articles of post-Soviet Russia — that nothing will succeed as planned and that nothing will be built on

Even Mayor Luzhkov, President Yeltsin and the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Alexei II. seemed stunned at what the builders and architects had achieved in the space of a year. The president stood in the bare, scaffolding-decked interior of the building gazing up at the ceiling vaults before three men laid a troika of final bricks

The Patriarch called it "a miracle in our time." Both Yeltsin and Luzhkov were keen to assure Russians that the £200 million church had not been rebuilt at the expense of state housing and welfare

Lyn Gardner

AST becoming Canada's

most famous export, Cirque du Soleil is, like

the country it hails from, spec tacular to look at but rather

After all the hype, their latest show, Saltimbanco (the

name comes from the Italian

for street performer), turns

out to be rather less than the greatest show on earth and slighty more than a hi-tech, balletic pop concert. Saltimbanco is a new style

rock 'n 'roll circus (actually, the sound track is often more New Seekers than Rolling Stones) whose success rests as much on the laser light show

as it does on the contortionists

or the trapeze artists. Sawdust is not in evidence. With its commedia del-

l'arte-inspired costumes in dayglo colours, spooky Vene-tian carnival-style masks, a

tightly choreographed cast of 45, modernist set, non-stop music and grand lighting. Sal-

timbanco doesn't know the

meaning of the word excess.

It is a real feast of fools,

almost nothing to feed the

providing endless stunning images to delight the eye and

Of course, traditional circus

is seldom more than a series of turns, intended to make the audience gasp in disbelief or admiration. But Saltimbanco

is so overblown that it diminishes rather than enhances

the acts it so claims to admire.

Just when you're wonder-

wire act, you're distracted by

ing in amazement at the high

Royal Albert Hall

lacking in soul.

exploiting the full symbolic potential of the moment.

"The rebuilding of Russia's sacred places gives rise to belief in people that Russia itself, like this church, will be reborn," said the president.

This is actually the third place of worship to have been built from scratch under Mayor Luzhkov, if you count the chapels at the Nikolsky Gate and the second world war victory memorial on Poklonnaya Gora. Fired with Medicilike enthusiasm, Luzhkov promised Muscovites another one, only bigger. "Soon, close to the Kremlin, the main church of Russian Orthodoxy

will be rebuilt," he said. The new Church of Christ the Saviour is a replica of Konstantin Ton's much-criticised design for a place of worship to commemorate Russia's vic-tory over Napoleon. Work on the original began in 1839 and was not finished until 1883.

The church was a famous Moscow landmark until it caught the brooding eye of Stalin in 1931. In the place of the blown-up building, Stalin's architects wanted to build a Palace of the Soviets. The statue of Lenin intended to stand on the roof would by itself have been as high as the church. It never came to pass and under Khrushchev, an

Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture was originally commissioned for the consecration of the church — bence the artillery and the bells in the score Had he written it today he might have included the sirens of the presidential cav alcade as it skimmed up the ramp, the accordion of an impromptu street party among onlookers, and the clumping of diverted pedestrians

through the snow and ice.
Though the basic structure of the church is finished, the bare brick has to be covered with white marble outside and adorned with gilt and icons within. Its five domes will be sheathed with finely-beaten gold. All is due to be complete by 1997, the capital's 850th

another pretty lighting effect

or the continuous balletic pos ing of the other performers.

There is an overload of sen-sory experience, to the point

where you begin to feel like a

circuit board that is liable to

more impressive by the sheet

numbers involved. However, there are undeniably exhila-rating moments when the

show's component parts work in harmony rather than pull-ing against each other. An in-different trapeze act turns sud-denly into a daring swing

accompanied by pulsating music that celebrates that

marvellous feeling of flying that most of us leave behind

with the childhood garden

swing, and the final acrobatic bungee ballet is beautifully conceived and executed. But what this show really

acks is a whiff of danger and a sense of anarchy. The clowns

are too tidy and well behaved,

the choreographer is obsessed with symmetry, and the whole show is so well drilled that it

loses any feeling of sponten-

eity. What one misses is the vulgarity that characterises more traditional circus.

Watching Saltimbanco, one is irresistibly reminded of two

things: old newsreels of pre-war Health and Beauty rallies

and naff '70s musicals with circus settings where every

one dresses up in patchwork

cast-offs. I can't imagine that too many people would dream of running away to join Cirque

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explode under the strain. Some of the acts are no better nor worse than what you'd see with Gerry Cottle and Co

While most of the hundreds lining the crush barriers were exclaiming joy and apprecia-tion of the new church, Boris bread so they give us a bit of a

Perspiration but

no inspiration

Beijing warns that TV documentary alleging abuse in state orphanages threatens links with Britain Rifkind heads for China row

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

FURORE over alleate starvation, sex ual assault and vstematic medical malpractice in Chinese or day over a fence-mending visit to Hong Kong and China by the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind. China has angrily denied the allega-tions, describing them as a

"fabrication". Mr Rifkind arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday from Uzbek-istan and is due to travel to Beijing tomorrow, the same day as Channel 4 is to broad-

ing has warned could damage Sino-British rapprochement.

The programme, Return to the Dying Rooms, was made in association with Human Rights Watch, a New Yorkbased group which yesterday released a 331-page report de-scribing China's state-run or-phanages as "assembly lines for the elimination of unwanted orphans". The Chinese embassy in

London has sent letters demanding that Channel 4 cancel the broadcast because it will "hurt the feelings of the Chinese people". In Beijing, the state council under the prime minister, Li Peng, issued a pre-emptive denial. condemning evidence com-

cast a documentary that Betj. | piled by Human Rights Watch | called the "cruelty, abuse and ing has warned could damage | as baseless. | malign neglect that has domi-

"We have not seen this socalled report," said a council statement on Friday, "As far as we know, this report of blame against our orphanages is totally without foundation." The official New China News Agency yesterday gave a glowing account of increased vaccination and other advances in child health care. British officials insist Chi-

should not upset Mr Rifkind's He pledged on arrival in Hong Kong to discuss human rights in Beijing, but will avoid any direct reference to what Human Rights Watch

na's quarrel with Human Rights Watch and Channel 4

nated child welfare work in China since the 1950s and now constitutes one of the rights problems".

The group, drawing on official documents smuggled out of China and the testimony of abroad, claims thousands of children have died in orphanages from deliberate neglect and abuse. Official Chinese figures from 1989 showing an orphanage death rate of more than 70 per cent in some prov inces suggest conditions worse than those uncovered in Romania after the fall of

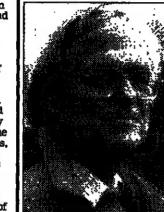
is a claim that the fast-rising political star and former Shanghai party secretary, Wu Bangguo, orchestrated a cover-up of conditions at the Shanghai Children's Welfare Institute. The report says Mr Wu, now a Polithuro member and a close ally of President

liang Zemin, personally

blocked an investigation by doctors and officials. British officials, their eyes fixed instead on Hong Kong's transfer to China in 540 days, want to ensure a dignified exit from empire. Mr Rifkind, who spent his first day in Hong Kong out of public view on Lantau Island, voiced support for Governor Chris Patten and pledged to act as the

bly the most sensitive charge | territory's advocate in Beijing. But with little time remaining and few diplomatic cards left to play, Britain seems most keen to avoid confrontation. A senior Chinese official responsible for the territory,

Lu Ping, last week called for a 'new dawn in co-operation' between Beijing and London Asked about China's recent decision to exclude the territory's most popular political party from a 150-member handover committee. Mr Rifkind said: "We were disap-pointed that there weren't more of those who represent the democratic point of view but it did have a broader



Councillor Richard Davy, one of the key opponents

Fight by residents against plans for club and cinema



Oxford city centre, a stone's throw from the development site, which the council would sell to finance small, local projects

'Disney' plan makes old Oxtord wince

HE historic universi-ty city of Oxford, whose serene sand-stone and flawless quadrangles have been im-mortalised in literature and on screen, is at the centre of a lanning row over a proposed "leisure village" just a stone's throw from the city centre. The £17 million develop-

ment, which includes a night-club catering for 1,800, five restaurants, a bingo hall, multi-screen cinema and riv-

erside pub, has provoked | First Leisure, the company | pressed their concerns at two | it did not accept responsi-fierce opposition from resi | which will run the club, is | public meetings and Pentith | bility as the young man had | dents who say it is wholly | responsible for a Blackpool | has responded by making 60 | bought the drug on the street

inappropriate.

The scheme, which is expected to go before Oxford city council's planning committee on January 24 for a final decision, has been described by its opponents "banal", tasteless", and

downmarket Disneyland". Beyond aesthetic objections, there are fears that the nightclub will act as a magnet for drug dealers and trouble makers from outside Oxford. the plot to developers Pentith and use the proceeds to spend on small local projects.

Opponents point out that

nightclub attended by a young man who subsequently died as a result of taking

ecstasy.
The Oxpens site, which is near the railway station and is used as a coach and lorry park, is jointly owned by the Labour-run council and Railtrack. If the scheme is ap-proved, the council will sell

Angry residents have ex

changes to its original pro-posal to try to appease objec-tors. But Liberal Democrat councillor Richard Davy, one of the key opponents, believes the changes have not gone far

enough.
"I think it is terribly sad that an historic and very beautiful city like Oxford should feel under pressure to sell an important site near the city centre for a hideous de-velopment largely in order to raise money for other

projects.
"It is true that Oxford badly

"It is true that Oxford badly needs better leisure facilities for young people but they should be developed more sensitively and in better relation to the city centre."

The council argues it is simply responding to a local need for leisure facilities. John Arnold, director of property and technical services, said the site had been designated for leisure purposes in nated for leisure purposes in the local plan for years.

"I don't see there's a problem in having modern-style buildings close to historical buildings. Even an historic place such as Oxford requires leisure facilities," he said.

As far as drugs were con-cerned, he said people were worrying unnecessarily: "If worrying unnecessarily: "If people want drugs they will get them and take them. The presence of a nightclub will not make any difference to them." First Leisure, which runs

35 nightclubs country-wide.

numbers and will win £76, while 2,282,389 people guessed

three numbers and won the

£10 fixed prize. The total prize

money is £81,436,302, while an

estimated £39 million will go

A number of readers of the

Sun are set to share one of the

big prizes after winning with

a row of numbers given to them free on a card inside the paper. The Sun said it had

won a match five plus bonus

prize of £104,747 with one line

Within two hours of the draw,

to good causes

Ian Freeman, of First Lei-sure, said it took stringent

measures to ensure drugs did not come into its clubs. "People need to be reassured that First Leisure discotheques are not the kind of clubs that attract the sort of people who taked forms."

"Anyone would think we had asked for planning consent for a nuclear power people who taked forms." people who take drugs."

efore entering the club.

based developers Pentith. said: "There are no leisure fa-cilities in Oxford at all at the noment. But because of the historic nature of the city this new form of development is with



A model of the £17 million scheme, which includes a nightclub, pub and five restaurants | Blackpool had been tragic but

£42m lottery jackpot split three ways but winners lie low

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Soil and water may hold the key to latest cancer drugs

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Medical Correspondent

NEW anti-cancer drugs might result from research on compounds derived from common bacterla in soil and water, scientists

say today. Researchers for the Cancer Research Campaign have have produced found a way of cloning azino cer drug Taxol.

mycins, compounds isolated from soil and water micro-organisms. Preliminary studies have found them to work against various cancer cells. They appear to attack both strands of DNA — not just one, as with conventional drugs — potentially making

Recently, yew tree needles have produced the anti-can-

rollover jackpot continued to

WITH an air of weary anti-climax a Camelot spokeswoman revealed yesterday that only one of the three winners of the £42 million lottery jackpot had come

By the time the National Lottery telephone hotline at Aintree closed at 3pm, two of the three winners — who will each receive £14,002,870 had yet to declare themselves

and claim their winnings. Even the one who had come forward chose to remain anonymous, meaning Camelot was not able to reveal whether it was an individual or a syndicate. As the size of the double

attract criticism, the Prime Minister - who revealed he was one of the few not to have bought a ticket for Saturday's draw - gave the lottery his full backing. "Here is a way to provide

resources for good causes on a scale we have never before seen in this country - something like £300 million a year for each of five good causes. including charities," he told BBC TV's Breakfast with Frost.

The Bishop of Coventry, the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, however, renewed calls for the lottery to be scrapped. 'I would like to see it abolished, but I would also like to see the prizes reduced, and that is the more realistic of the two options at the

Camelot's commercial operations director. Norman Hawkins, defended the company's profit, saying the lottery, which was the biggest in the world, was operated on a low profit margin of less than a penny in the pound. An estimated nine out of 10

British adults bought at least one ticket for the record draw with sales worth £128 million in seven days, of which almost half, £60 million, were sold on Saturday. The normal weekly turnover is £65 million. A Camelot spokeswoman

of numbers which had been issued to about 100 readers. said 53 lottery players picked five of the six winning num-31 had telephoned a hotline to bers — which were 2, 3, 4, 13, 42, 44 — and the bonus ball 24. winning £104,747 each. A total of 1,524 guessed five

claim their share. Next week's jackpot is esti mated to be £9 million. numbers earning £2,276 each:

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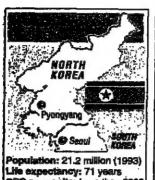








Famine haunts isolated nation



Adult literacy: 95% Cultivable land: 20% of total

Infant mortality rate per 10,000 births: 70

Grain deficit for 1995: 2m tons

growth amid chronic shortages

been cut drastically for 22 million North Koreans as the world's most isolated regime struggles against flood damage and a catastrophic fall in production.

Rations for coal miners and others doing heavy work have been almost halved in the past year. Factory workers are said to be visibly listless

Six million children are

growth. The World Health Organisation says medical services throughout the country are "very fragile".

Cereals are supposed to provide three-quarters of the average calorie intake, with the rest coming from fish, meat, vegetables and oil But United Nations officials say that because of "chronic shortages", these are seldom available.

Reports from UN aid officials, who have been given exceptional access to norsummer's floods, show that the North Korean crisis goes

thought. The floods are seen as the last straw after five years of declining food production.

Poor climate and mountain-

ous terrain, says a joint report by the World Food Pro-gramme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), obliged North Korea to rely heavily on intensive use of chemicals and electric power to improve and irrigate the land. But the loss of aid from China and the former Soviet Union, and Pyong-yang's low credit rating abroad, meant these inputs could not be maintained. Cereal production has de-

clined every year since 1990. UN officials who have travelled widely in the countryside note that Pyongyang has mobilised the population to tackle the damage. Peasants

clogged canals and rebuild 100 grams for children in the minimum intake should come in August-September shattered irrigation dykes, kindergartens.

To meet the present crisis.

To meet the present crisis.

To meet the present crisis. huge red flags. Rhythmic chants in praise of Kim II-

philosophy urge them on. But the collective system has produced a society which depends almost entirely on subsidised food rations and suffers immediately when the state runs short.

sung's Juche (self-reliance)

Even in the modern capital of Pyongyang, city residents must trundle small trolleys through the streets to collect their entitlement. Grain is not sold at all in the small free

was based on a complex ninelevel system, in-which the highest grade provided 900 grams of cereal daily for

this system was simplified to three levels — children under 16, adults between 16 and 64. and those aged 65 and over and lower rations were fixed. It is these lower targets which have now been further reduced — by 31 per cent for adults and 17 per cent for children.

A heavy-industry worker will now receive only 479 grams daily — just over half the original ration.

The recommended daily average of 2,131 calories — even if it can be achieved - is regarded as an absolute minimum. But nutritional experts point out that it is based on an ambient temperature of 20C. In North Korea's savage winter climate, and with vir-

forward.

Pyongyang's secretive poli-1995 because of Pyongyang's inability to pay. The countics have discouraged foreign donors from giving aid. The propaganda machine contintry's food reserve of 4 million ues to praise the "creative genius of the Great Leader Kim Jong-il", although the tons of grain has been The WFP is struggling to find donors to enable it to leader, the son and successor continue with its relief plan. to the late Kim Il-sung, The first phase, which began late in November, should

sight. South Rorean propaganda have fed 500,000 flood victims for three months. But the portrays Mr Kim as mentally WFP was able to supply only a quarter of the food needed unbalanced and says the north poses a serious military threat. This line was echoed on Friday by the Defence Sec-retary, Michael Portillo, when he visited Seoul But Britain is still considering the request for aid. The FAO-WFP report appeals to intermost observers are sceptical national donors to support a of any military move by food aid programme to a total of 1.2 million tons. It warns

show signs of stunted | far deeper than was originally | are joined by workers to clear | and the lowest grade provided | tually no domestic heating, | that the leanest period will | Leader comment, page 8

PM's unity plea 'too late to stop rot'

Floods prove 'last straw' as children show signs of stunted

Michael White Political Editor

ONSERVATIVE loyalists rallied to John Major's call for party unity last night amid growing private despair that it has come too late to prevent Labour winning the general

The Prime Minister said on BBC1's Breakfast with Frost:
"This election is there to be won, but it is also there to be lost. If the Conservative Party does not realise the opportu-nities that lie ahead and throws it away by disputes within itself, then it will lose

Mr Major's ples to restore a "tolerant, pragmatic, broad church of a party" was mired in reports that two more left-leaning Tory MPs were contemplating fighting the elec-tion as independents, and see the Tories consigned to opposition for a generation.

had no intention of outright defection to Labour or the Liberal Democrats, but he admitted that he might resign the Tory whip if the party drifted further to the right a trend Mr Major repeatedly denied had occurred in his

"centre-right" regime. Colleagues of Peter Thurn-ham, whose Bolton NE seat is disappearing under boundary changes, confirmed that he remained furious at not even being interviewed for the safe seat of Westmorland and Lonsdale - where he lives and may run as an indepen-dent against the former party spin-doctor, Tim Collins, who won the vacant nomination.

After nearly 13 years on the backbenches, Mr Thurnham formerly a successful busi nessman, is precisely the sort of frustrated moderate who might run amok. "He's a very tortured soul, deeply upset,' said one ally.

did his emollient best yester day to persuade his team that it had "weathered the storm" of a deep recession and must now stop Labour enjoying the fruits of recovery.

Britain was "a centre-right country by instinct" that did not like "parties that squabble with themselves", he said.

With moderate Tory MPs like Michael Mates and Ian Taylor yesterday calling for unity - and hinting at the long-predicted split if the party swings to the right in defeat — Mr Major used his interview to try and appease

Unlike some colleagues he expressed sorrow, not anger, at the defections of Emma Nicholson and Alan Howarth. More aggressively, he dispar-aged Labour's "soundbite" might run amok. "He's a very policies, talked tough on the results are obvious."

Europe and dangled a home-said one ally.

With Tory morale as fragile parents, though David Blun-for Tories, page 5; Hope

Andrew Rowe, MP for Mid | as a net majority of three can | kett was quick to claim that Kent, made it clear that he | make it. the Prime Minister | as a Labour policy. as a Labour policy.
Since Mr Major made no

mention of fast-track opt-out processes to encourage schools to go grant-main-tained, some MPs suspect it may still be bogged down in a Whitehall dispute. But the Prime Minister did confirm that he hoped to look again at Post Office privatisation in the coming Tory manifesto.

From his Asian tour Tony Blair described Mr Major's latest pleas as "the usual mish-mash". He told Sky TV: The Conservatives are fingoverning force. They have no idea what to do with

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrats' deputy leader, said: "What the Prime Minis divided party ... in no condi-tion to run the country and

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Palestinian 'collaborator' sought over Ayyash killing

Derek Brown in Jerusalem and AP in Dura, West Bank

HE hunt for the assassin of the Palestinian serial homber Yahya Ayyash. known as The Engineer, is now focused on an alleged Palestinian traitor, Kamal Hamad, a businessman implicated by his own family. Mr Hamad, widely ru-

moured to have fled to New York, is the uncle of Ayyash's friend Ossama Hamad. The nephew, a trusted friend of Ayyash since their days at the West Bank's Bir Zeit University, said he got the cellular telephone which

killed Ayyash from his uncle.

Kamal. He said his uncle may not have known about the explosives hidden in it but sug-gested he co-operated with Israeli intelligence.

"Perhaps he thought they put in some listening de-vices," he said. vices," he said.

But Kamal Hamad is not the only suspect in what appears to have been a convoluted Israeli plan. An Israeli plane flew over Ayyash's hideout in the Gaza Strip at the time of the explosion. Israeli Television cited reports saying the 50 grams of high

explosives were detonated from the air. Khaled al-Kidreh, the Palestinian attorney-general, said "more than one suspect" was 16 people were in custody. On the last day of his life,

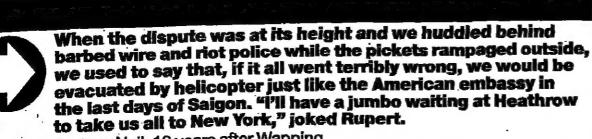
Ayyash was staying in the home of Ossama Hamad's parents in Beit Lahia village in the northern Gaza Strip. Osama, a Hamas activist. aged 27, who sheltered Ayyash in his flat, said the telephone rang at about 9am and he woke Ayyash to give him the call from his father. Abdel-Latif Ayyash.

"He spoke for 10 to 15 seconds. I walked away to let him speak privately. Suddenly, I heard the explosion saying the 50 grams of high and looked back and saw smoke," he said after his 7; Obituary, page 10

held in connection with the operation, which he blamed on Israel. Other sources said ossama Hamad cast doubt on the rumour that his uncle has fied to the United States. "I doubt it and I think he is in Israel," he said. Yasser Arafat, the Palestine

Liberation Organisation chairman, yesterday accused Israeli intelligence of master minding the assassination, and said it was a violation of the Israeli-PLO peace deal. Israel, which has not de nied involvement in the kill-

ing, has closed its borders with both the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.



Andrew Neil, 10 years after Wapping

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'Tying defence sales to the survival of governments or factions can lead to disaster

Union anger at Vickers over 'whims' of foreign regimes

RADE union officials at Vickers reacted with anger and dispolitical storm intensifed over the company's role in the expulsion order against the Saudi dissident Mohammed al-Mas'ari.

locked in crisis talks with advisers after the revelation that its chief executive Sir Colin Chandler had plotted with other industrialists to silence Mr Mas'ari, the presi-Electrical and Engineering Union complained that his members were being held to ransom by government policy

over the Mas'ari case.
Davey Hall, AEEU presi-

plant in Newcastle upon Tyne, said: "We want a longterm, reliable and consistent future for the defence industry and not one that is based regime in the Middle East or

any other part of the world. "We've seen in the past with countries like Iran that tying defence sales to the sur-vival of particular govern-ments or factions can lead to

Mike Summersby, president of Tyne Bridge Conservatives, said people in the North-east would inevitably see Mr Mas'ari's case in terms of "job protection". He added: "We have been hit

harder than most when it comes to losing jobs."

Kevin Flynn, co-ordinator of the Newcastle Unemployed Workers' Centre, said it was

our area to talk about a threat to jobs, when they had every opportunity to prevent the destruction of the shipbuilding and mining industries and

failed to intervene." Vickers employs 740 people at its Newcastle factory, 750 at its Leeds plant and 160 in Wolverhampton, but the company's manufacturing supports about 6,000 people when engineering sub-contractors are included, according to a study

by York University.
The company is bidding to supply Saudi Arabia with Challenger 2 battle tanks as part of a £3 billion order sought with other defence companies such as GKN and VSEL.

The order would form a lucrative follow-on to the Al Yamamah oil-for-weapons deal signed in the mid-1980s, and signed in the mid-1980s, and ports versus free speech was is a non-executive di comes as the defence and "an intellectual poser" of Vickers, but he made aerospace industries struggle more concern to broadsheet he had not been told.

official covering the Vickers | unemployment levels ever in | to win business in the face of | readers in London than to military spending cuts.

David Clelland, Labour MP workers at Vickers, he said. for Tyne Bridge, said he was concerned about the effect the

row may have on jobs in his He also suggested the pub-lic would dislike the spectacle of the British government, democratically elected, being dictated to by Saudi Arabia.

Canon Peter Dodd, an industrial chaplain in Newcas tle, said "a great deal of money" had been invested by Vickers in Tyneside, which was grateful for the skilled jobs in a region which had witnessed the collapse of the shipbuilding industry with the loss of 20,000 jobs. Vickers employees would

find the Saudi issue rather The problem of military ex-

· MPs are to demand an inquiry into whether the circumstances surrounding the order against MrMas'ariin volved an abuse of public funds, writes Richard Norton-

public accounts committee are to ask for an investigation into whether the plan to deport Mr Mas'ari to Dominica was linked in any way to the Government's decision to Caribbean island, from £500,000 to £2 million.

chairman of the public ac-counts committee, refused to that Andrew Green, Britain's is a non-executive director at Vickers, but he made it clear

Dominica opposition to Mas'ari move grows

OHAMMED al-Mas'-ari, the Saudi dissi-dent threatened with deportation to Dominica, is due to meet the leader of one of the Caribbean island's main opposition par-ties in London today, as discontent about his arrival continued in the capital of

Party, is visiting Britain by | prevent Mr Mas'ari from chance and is expected to | disembarking at the is-Mr Mas'ari's expulsion

from Britain. Opposition to the move in Dominica has already been voiced by the former prime minister, Eugenia Charles, who threatened to organise a blockade of the airport if the expulsion went ahead.

Dame Eugenia, who invited United States troops to invade Grenada in 1983,

land's tiny airport. Dominica, which had "enough problems without import-ing problems", would be unable to protect the Saudi exile, she said.

Dominica's acceptance of Mr Mas'ari has also been denounced by the island's main opposition leader, Brian Alleyne, of the right-wing Dominica Freedom Party, who said it threattempts to "develop rela- i"not been involved in any tions with countries like criminal or terrorist activi-Saudi Arabia".

He also demanded to know what financial gain had been secured from Britain. Together Mr Alleyne and Mr Douglas have enough votes in Dominica's parliament to vote down the minority administration headed by Edison James, the prime minister. Mr James said that Brit-

ties, either in Saudi Arabia

or in Britain", The Foreign Office con-tinued to insist there had been no "quid pro quo" in-crease in aid to Dominica, but the Overseas Development Administration said that British aid to Domiincrease to £2 million from £500,000 last year as a result of the clearance of



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US envoy's return could halt wave of IRA killings

David Sharrock

OPES are rising that close, as the three-man commission on illegal arms

Sinn Fein yesterday made its second comment in three was goaded by John Major into a response to his challenge to stop the killings. Mr Major's hard tone was prefaced by his belief that the international body, led by President Clinton's special envoy to Northern Ireland, George Mitchell, returns to the province and concludes

its report.
The Prime Minister is likely to have made his as-sessment on the basis of brief-ings from Dublin about Sinn Fein and the IRA's intentions. A Sinn Fein delegation met Irish government officials on Friday, after which the par-ty's vice-president, Pat Do-

the British and Irish govern-ments within a fortnight. The tenor of his comments was in marked contrast to those made 10 days ago by his col-league, Mitchel McLaughlin, when he said that British in-transigence could lead to a resumption of bostilities.

echoing the remarks of Mr Saturday. Doherty, he appeared to give credence to Dublin's hope on track. Mr McLaughlin was asked if Sinn Fein would use ders. 'I can answer that question in the affirmative. "Sinn Fein is in fact at-

tempting to use its influence to ensure that it doesn't hap control to exercise over that situation that has been alleged. We never had that amount of control." Dublin believes that the in-

Yesterday, however, by

ternational body's report, which is expected in 10 days, will lead to an ending of the killings and punishment beat-ings, and possibly to a newly worded, stronger commit ty's vice-president, Pat Do-herty, said Sinn Fein was try-ing to halt the killings.

Mr Doherty also said he ex-

would be hard to imagine Mr favour of his stated preference for a token handover of weapons as a confidence-

building gesture.

The commission will be in London this Thursday, Dub-lin on Friday, and Belfast on

Meanwhile the Ulster Unionist MP. Ken Maginnis,

"I think there should be at least another six weeks' latitude, given that there is every prospect of an inconclusive

eport coming out. by Mr Major and the Irish minister to "identify The commission was and advise on a suitable and acceptable method for full and verifiable decommissioning, and report whether there is a clear commitment on the part of those in possession of such arms to work to achieve

It is believed the IRA has up to two tonnes of Semtex, 1,200 semi-automatic rifles, and as many as 20 surface-to-air mis-siles hidden on both sides of

MPs see end to **NHS** dentistry

Chris Mihili

OST MPs believe dental treatment on the National Health Serchildren and the poor within a few years, according to a survey published today.

The survey, for the British Dental Association, found that 14 per cent of Conserva-tive MPs and 83 per cent of Labour MPs asked believe that within 10 years those who can afford to pay will be ineligible for NHS dentistry.

The association said that the survey highlighted the difficulties people already had in finding an NHS dentist unless they were poor or young. It is calling on the Government to increase funding to ensure NHS dentistry is available to everyone.

The survey of 160 MPs, by Harris Research, found that many had had complaints from constituents about the difficulties in finding an NHS Nearly one in two MPs (49

per cent) had received complaints, including 46 per cent of Conservatives. The Tory MPs received more com-plaints about difficulties in finding a dentist than they did about British Gas and local electricity companies. and the complaints were on a par with those received about

3 per cent of Conservative | be a need for 3,203 by 1998/99.

MPs said the Government was primarily to blame for the difficulties.

Bill Allen, chairman of the council of the British Dental Association, said: "The findings are a terrible indictment of the funding of NHS den-tistry under this government. "Government underfunding has forced many dentists out of the NHS. This survey confirms our fears that there is a serious lack of dental treatment available on the NHS in many parts of the country. If the Government does not take radical action to increase funding ... the diffi-culties experienced by pa-tients in finding an NHS den-

tist will get worse." One-third of patients on dentists' lists are entitled to free treatment. The twothirds of adults who pay for care contribute 80 per cent of the cost of treatment.

Over the past three years a growing number of dentists have said NHS fees are too small to cover costs, and increasing numbers will accept only private patients.

The intake of graduates

training to become clinical psychologists needs to virtually double in order to meet the growing demands for psychological therapies in mental health, disabilities and other areas of medicine, the British Psychological Society says today.

There are 2,875 clinical psylocal water companies.

Nearly three-quarters of Labour MPs (74 per cent) and Executive figures there will

Carling reflects on reports that his wife is to seek a divorce

Sally Weale

Will Carling was last night relecting on reports that his estranged wife is to seek a divorce, but a friend said the Eng-land rugby captain would be "disappointed" if that

was the outcome.
The statement issued by Mr Carling last September announcing their separa-tion after weeks of speculation about his friendship with the Princess of Wales stressed it was temporary.

Reports yesterday, how-ever, suggested that no reunion is expected. It is said that Mrs Carling will consult a lawyer to begin divorce proceedings in the

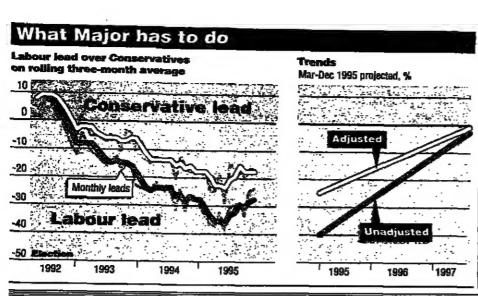
next few weeks. The reports, which come as the princess considers her own options following the Queen's plea for a speedy divorce, will ring alarm belis at Buckingham Palace, where there will be concern that the princess could be named in divorce

proceedings.
Mr Carling, aged 30, has always denied having an affair with the princess,
Though Princess Diana
was candid in her Panorama interview about her relationship with James Hewitt, she did not mention

Mr Carling. Last night a Buckinghan Palace spokesman declined

to comment. Pass Notes, G2, page 3 Mange January 6 10%

Poll trend holds out hope for Tories



the annual report of the Guardian 's pollster ICM, released today, shows that the Conservatives have almost certainly turned the corner.

The monthly opinion polls have shown little change since the summer, but the rolling three-monthly ICM average shows a definite up-turn, from an exceptionally low base, in the second half of

when the recovery started: June — the month when Mr Asjor challenged his critics cember ICM showed Labour on 48 per cent adjusted and the Tories on 31 per cent. Major challenged his critics to a leadership election.

The three-monthly average

ICM's report also gives Mr and his party chairman.

OHN MAJOR has a Brian Mawhinney, who have momentous task so far failed to find evidence ahead in 1996, but in the polls that the leadership election has kickstarted their political recovery. Month-on-month fluctua-

tions and the confusion be justed polls have disguised a trend that has emerged in the past nine months. On the adjusted and unad-

justed figures, the three-monthly average follows an upward trend. If it continues, the Tories could almost close the gap on Labour by May 1997, the general election deadline. The Labour lead will be 1 per cent adjusted and 3 per cent unadjusted. In De-

need to win back if they are to stage what would still be a remarkable recovery.

Comparing the largest survey of voters after the 1992 election — conducted for the Rowntree Reform Trust — with polls for the whole of 1995, ICM can measure how far each group of voters has swung from the Tories. Among the housing tenure

groups, council tenants have swing the least — 11 per cent. swing the least — 11 per cent. People who have finished paying for their houses have swing by the average — 14 per cent. But people still paying a mortgage have swing the most — 17 per cent.

Among the income groups, the top and bottom have the least and it is the

Major and Dr Mawhinney | C1 and C2 middle-income | it did halve its lead as "the clues to the voters they most | groups — most likely to be | party with the best policies on groups — most likely to be struggling to pay mortgages that have swung the most. to nine. Among the age groups, the

oldest have swung the least and the youngest, the 18-21s — again a group likely to be struggling with high mortgage payments — that have swung the most.

Mortgage holders form 43 per cent of the population, a group seen as vital to the Government's electoral chances.

That may help to explain why the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, seemed more concerned in his Budget strategy to cut the interest rate than the basic rate of income tax. The Budget failed to have an impact on Labour's lead on voting intention, 17 points in

Until Black Wednesday in September 1992, when Britain left the European exchange rate mechanism, the Government was always ahead of Labour on this economic index, which may explain why the gap on voting intentions before the 1992 election.

As long as people believed a Tory government would run the economy better, Labour's People could be persuaded to switch back to the Tories when the election campaign concentrated their minds on

Portillo 'damned by faint praise'

Michael White on how the stock of the Defence Secretary has taken a tumble

a "hugely tal-ented" member of the Conservative Party's broad church, some listening Tory MPs were delighted. But others thought they heard the Prime Minister damning a turbulent colleague with faint praise after a year in which the De-

Once many centrist Conservative MPs were resigned to the prospect that Mr Portillo — just 20 days younger than Trany Blair — would emerge. Tony Blair - would emerge as a charismatic new Tory leader under a Labour gov-ernment. Now it is much easier to find old sweats saying "he's blown it" or "if he wins, I'm not sure I'll want to stay

in the party". The Prime Minister gave no hint of reservations, "Michael is immensely patriotic, he's immensely proud of this country. There isn't a politi-cian in the land, perhaps in retrospect, who wouldn't have phrased something dif-ferently," Mr Major told Sir David Frost on the Breakfast

HEN John Major the Defence Secretary's head. yesterday praised One leftish ex-minister Michael Portillo as said: "Less than fulsome, I One leftish ex-minister said: "Less than fulsome, I thought." A rightwing Portillo-backer retorted: "A really big plug for Michael."

Blair aides watching the great of the Poort of the Po

guest on the Frost sofa were also impressed. So disruptive have Mr Portillo's interventions become, the Labour leadership has decided to launch an official Portillowatch to stir things up still

To Labour's delight Mr Portillo also angered some Tory MPs last week by saying that, since Emma Nicholson was a Euro-federalist with "a his-tory of disloyalty" it was right that she should join the Lib-Dems. They saw it as a divisive, sectarian response.

A last-ditch supporter of
Mrs Thatcher's premiership,

Mr Portillo thrives on contro versy. What raised his profile so early in the new year was last week's decision, hastily reversed once Downing Street got wind of it, to announce the sale of Admiralty Arch at the top of the Mall in White-

Yesterday Portillo aides

Mixed messages

to control our defence pol-icy . . . Britain will not be told when to fight and when not to fight ... Britain is blessed with brave soldiers. sailors and airmen, willing to give their lives. For Britain. Not for Brussels. Michael Portillo, Blackpool, October 11

"He made an ugly, javentle, unpleasant speech." Paddy

"They were light-hearted remarks, rabble-rousing remarks which worked on the day." John Redwood

building since the Ministry of

True, the historic boardroom of the Old Admiralty building was not to be sold But, so soon after the decision to lease Inigo Jones's great palace at Greenwich, it enraged an impressive swathe of opinion-formers.

Curiously enough, senior Tories on both sides of the

waffle and fudge and any Euro-speak and I said that any Conservative government is not going to allow Britain to be drawn into a European superstate. I don't regret any of the lan-guage I have used." Michael Portillo, BBC1

'The Liberal Democrats are a federalist party and if that is what Emma believes in then she is right to leave us. But it is very silly to say that the party has tilted to the right. That's completely incredible." Michael Portillo, January 1, Radio 4

ment which had managed the | wins" speech at Blackpool: the shadowy millionaire property dealer, David Hart, an old friend of the Portillos as he is of Malcolm Rifkind,

> In fact, Mr Hart's involve-ment is also categorically de-nied. What is undeniable is that 1996 starts with Mr Portillo's irresistible rise apparently checked.
> Despite Mr Major's praise

with Frost programme, when went out of their way to stress pressed about the Tory conference speech which brought about a decision taken by the of them blamed for the De-

"He has gone over the top. He has damaged the Conservative image, he has damaged himself." Sir Leon

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The has gone over the top. He pick up the leadership gauntlet which the Prime gauntlet which t hesitated initially to back Mr Major and allowed eager sup-porters (the Hart factor again, say critics) to install phone lines at a Westminster house campaign HQ in the second

> When the victorious Major reshuffled his team, Mr Por-tillo was shifted from employment, where anti-European posturing is easy, to defence, where a chap must either spend or cut, thus offending either the economic right or the Union Jack right.

Then came the conference speech with its bombastic rhetoric about "not allowing Brussels to control our de-fence policy" and "harmonising uniforms and cap be not to mention the "don't mess with Britain" passage fended MPs and senior officers alike.

His capacity to articulate what grassroots Tory activists feel makes the son of a leftwing intellectual exile hardly a Tory activist's dream - a man whom neither Tory wets nor Labour should write off yet.

Portillo shares enter 1996 at



both fury and distain down on | Department of the Environ- | fence Secretary's "who dares | — as John Redwood did not — | keep them in their portfolios. | Michael Portillo . . . disruptive interventions and thriving on controversy

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Blair ponders 'tiger' welfare

Forced savings scheme interests Labour, writes Nick Cumming-Bruce

S Tony Blair makes the rounds of Singa-porean ministers and business leaders today, the shadow social affairs minister, Chris Smith, will ar-rive for a close inspection of the social security sys-tem that helps nourish this Asian tiger. Mr Blair left no doubt

yesterday that Singapore's compulsory savings scheme, the Central Provident Fund, is a subject of particular interest as he raises the goal of a stake-holder economy and com-mits Labour to the wholesale reform of Britain's social security system. "It is very much on our agenda to see how we (can)

get the best out of our wel-fare system," Mr Blair said.
"It is not functioning the way that it should. It is nei-ther helping those who are the poorest in our society nor is it providing people with the encouragement and incentives they need to get back into work."

The Labour leader emphasises the dangers of drawing parallels between countries with different systems and circumstances. Privatisation of welfare is not on his agenda but find-ing a way to bring savings in Britain up from under 20 per cent of GDP and closer to a Singaporean rate of over 40 per cent most cer-

Singaporean analysts did not miss the irony of Brit-ish politicians coming back ish politicians coming back to study a savings system first conceived by Singa-pore's British colonial rul-ers. They introduced a sav-ings scheme based on contributions of 5 per cent of workers' salaries, with contributions sality amounts contributions split evenly between employer and em-ployees. Lee Kuan Yew, the former premier, kicked it into a higher gear, raising contributions to a befty 40 per cent of wages for all workers under the age of

cent interest.
The scheme is designed to look after the needs of workers when they retire ters of support she had received for her decision to subsidised health service.

But the 58 billion Singa-had no intention of standing

55, paying a modest 2.5 per

ore dollars (nearly £28 down. billion) in the fund provides a massive capital from day one when I said I did resource for the kind of not want a byelection. The long term infrastructure Government has it within its development schemes that make this tiny island state the envy its neighbours.
The fund, Mr Rlair said has certainly done the job

for people in Singapore. Mr Smith, however, may find that depends on who you talk to. Singaporeans may relish the pristine and efficient physical environment built in the past 30 years with the help of their money.

money. But even Singaporeans weaned in a nanny state that reserves the right to dictate how they conduct their lives, chafe under restrictions on when they can draw their savings, and how they can spend them, even after retirement.



"No matter what I do, what talents and abilities I display, I will never be seen as a bright young man, I'll only ever be old George who hasn't done badly, has he?"

Nicholson rules out byelection

Geoffrey Gibbs

MMA Nicholson yesterday vowed to fight on as MP for West Devon and Torridge in the face of calls for a byelection and separate allegations that her new party had used dirty tricks to influence a newspaper telephone poll on the issue.

An ICM poll of 500 constituents for yesterday's Observer showed more than half be-lieved she should resign and bring about a byelection.

returns to the Commons tomorrow for the first time since her defection to the Liberal Democrats, said she had been overwhelmed by the let-

"I have been utterly clear powers to stall the date of a the Western Morning News came out three to one against olson should resign.

The result was in marked

contrast to an earlier poll carried out by Westcountry Tele-vision and to the ICM poll in the Observer.
In a blistering attack on the Liberal Democrats on Satur-day, the Plymouth based

newspaper said Willie Rennie, the party's campaigns of-ficer for Devon and Cornwall, had admitted trying to influbring about a byelection.

But Ms Nicholson, who organisers in West Country constituencies to encourage

them to take part.
It accused the Lib-Dems in a leading article of "disgracelate the outcome of the poll. It said the paper and its readers had been misled about the true state of public opinion, and called the party's behav-

iour sleazy and cynical. Mr Rennie could not be contacted for comment yester-day. A national party spokespowers to stall the date of a man dismissed the paper's byelection and I don't want to allegations.

deprive my constituents of their voice in Parliament."

A telephone poll conducted last week among readers of faith.

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Communists plot assault on Yeltsin

Winning the general election was one thing, having a crack at the presidency is quite another. David Hearst in Moscow looks at the party's options

month's general election, Gennady Zyuganov's Communist Party of the Russian Federation, meet in secret this week to discuss their tactics for the second stage of their assault on power: unseating Boris Yeltsin from the throne.

After taking 157 seats, more than a third of the new Duma, party leaders are sanguine about their chances of win-ning the presidential election in June. One central commit-tee member said: "We need a strategy, not to gain as much as we can but lose as little as Acutely aware of the par-

ty's own ideological divisions, the personal ambitions which will prevent the opposition from fielding a single candidate, and the expectations of their voters, Mr Zyuganov is

One of the first signs of this will be a marked restraint in the carve-up of important Duma posts. Mr Zyuganov is understood to support a non-Communist as its politically powerful Speaker.

Recalling the example of the former Speaker, an ex-communist, Ivan Rybkin, who got so close to Mr Yeltsin that his party failed miserably in the elections, the Com-munist leadership will not seek the limelight by propos-ing one of their own for the post. For one thing, the Speaker is also Speaker is also a permanent member of Mr Yeltsin's kitchen cabinet, the security council, and although the vot-ing is secret, Mr Rybkin has to share at least collective res-ponsibility for the botched as-

Zyuganov could only win if he represented a broader political spectrum than his party

ponsible by the rank-and-file for not confronting the government on its economic policies, while at the same time providing an easy target for the presidential administration. Vladimir Gusev, a nego tiator from Vladimir Zhirin-ovsky's Liberal Democratic party, has been mentioned as

The Communists will put their men at the head of some key committees, as in the last parliament, but their main task will be to create a

a compromise candidate for

the post.

which exceeded their own expectations, created a huge wave of expectation which could easily turn sour, partic-ularly as parliament is constitutionally weak. The second is the calcula-

tion that Mr Zyuganov could only win if he represented the interests of a broader political spectrum than his party. Val-entine Chikin, chief editor of Sovietskaya Rossia, and a central committee member, said: The example we have in mind is President François Mitterand. Once he became

First, the Communist victory, | This is a normal process. Mr Zyuganov's pragmatism has already brought him at times bitter opposition from far-left groups within the two most active groups are Oleg Schenin's Union of Com-munist Parties and Viktor Ampilov and Viktor Tyur-kin's Russian Communist

Worker's Party.

Although they have formally split from Mr Zynganov's party and are different entities in Moscow, locally their supporters co-operate

shadow cabinet, not to block president, he became president of all the French and the freezons for this softly, softly approach are many. In the communistical content of all the French and the freezons for this softly, softly approach are many. In the communistical content of all the freezons for this softly, softly approach are many.

forcible reinstatement of the Soviet Union, and his party Communist Party of the Soviet Union that it recently held its "30th Congress", as if the old party still lives. Mr Chikin joked: "We all believe in the second coming of Christ, but there is always the

Mr Shenin and Mr Ampilov will not be easy to dispense with. Their bloc got closer than any of their rivals to the 5 per cent barrier, which al-lows parties into the Duma. Even in Mr Zyuganov's own party there is a wide diver-

tomorrow."

gence of opinion on some of the main policies. Party policy is to re-nationalise raw materials — oil and gas, as well as the coal, minerals and

which were monopolies had to come under state control, the private sector would doubtless also be present

However, the Zyuganov leadership opposes "revolutionary change", recognising that redistributing businesses and property could well result in the "civil war" their radical democrat opponents warm problem of what happens

Mr Chikin said: "The country has gone far from the model of society which ex-isted. The Soviet model is destroyed and new realities have appeared. We have had radical changes in this country and the Communist Party, even if it comes to power, must take these changes as their point of de-parture." Convincing the hungry pensioner, miner or schoolteacher of this, will not

World news in brief

Greek opposition demands new leader

GREECE'S opposition will call for a vote of no confidence in the Socialist government today, claiming the protracted illness of the prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, has left the country

The vote, which follows a three-day debate in the 300-seat House, is unlikely to topple the government, which enjoys a comfortable majority, but it is expected to step up the demands

for Mr Papandreou to be replaced. Against all the odds, the 76-year-old was described yesterday as showing signs of recovery, seven weeks after being admitted to hospital. Doctors started giving him physiotherapy with a view to releasing him from intensive care.

Most Socialists believe the party's autocratic leader should be "immediately replaced". Mr Papandreou's eldest son. George, who is education minister, has promised to try to convince his father to resign by "explaining the political situa-

A Greek prime minister can only be replaced if he gives up

French striker 'beaten'

THE TRANSPORT strike in Marseille took a violent turn at the weekend: a striker was taken to hospital after clashes with police trying to force 500 metro, tram and bus drivers back to work. The 32-day-old dispute was sparked by last month's national transport

strike but is related to local pay and conditions.
On Saturday police stormed Marseille's four bus depots, which
the strikers have occupied since before Christmas. Only two
metro lines and 5 per cent of buses are running, and trams are at a

Union officials said Andre Mattei, a bus driver, was beaten by police with truncheons as they stormed the Arenc depot in central Marseille. Mr Mattei was concussed and received four stitches to

Huge storm hits Washington

A WINTER storm of 'historic proportions' hit Washington yesterday. A national weather service meteorologist, Sondra Young, said the 'historic' blizzard was likely to bring more than 2ft of snow to the Washington area. The mountains of nearby Virginia and West Virginia could get as much as 3ft.

Washington's National Airport closed at 3am because falling and drifting snow had made runways and gates inaccessible. The weather service warned that snow was expected to accumulate at up to an inch an hour. North-east winds of up to 30 miles

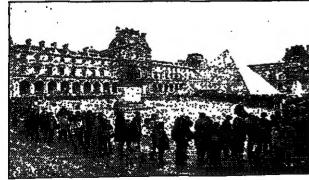
an hour would probably cause snow to blow and drift, the weather

Liberians face starvation

service said. - AP, Washington.

About 15,000 people who fied renewed fighting in north-western Liberia are threatened with starvation, aid workers said yester-day. The relief workers who flew to the besieged city of Tubmanburg on Saturday said 80,000 displaced persons were crammed into city without food or medicine.

More than 50 civilians and seven pescekeepers have died in fighting in the past 10 days around Tubmanburg, 40 miles north of the capital Monrovia. The clashes erupted between rebels of Roosevelt Johnson's Ulimo faction and West African peacekeep ers deployed to enforce the ceasefire. — AP. Monrovia.



Under a new ruling, visitors did not pay to enter the Louvre museum in Paris yesterday, the first Sunday of the month

Bahrain mosque targeted

RIOT police were back in action in Bahrain at the weekend, dissidents said, as the government began a new crackdown. Tear gas, rubber bullets and glass-particle cluster bullets were fired at worshippers attempting to enter a mosque outside the capital Manama, a statement sent to international news organisations by the London-based Bahrain Freedom Movement said.

The ruling al-Khalifa family, followers of the Sunni branch of Islam, last year crushed five months of protests by Shi'ite oppo-



I don't know what sort of new year you had, but mine was pretty exciting. On December 31, I woke up to find I was the most hated man in Italy. John Hooper's diary

Wanted war criminal remains hero at home

An indicted colonel who led Serb troops is remembered with pride in Montenegro, writes Jane Perlez

URING his rapid rise through the ranks of the Yugoslav army Lieutenant-Colonel Veselin Silivancanin was regarded as the paradigm of a fierce

soldier. A tall barrel-chested man of 41 with a black mustache, he was once assigned as a body-guard to Tito. Later he was invited to go shooting with President Slobodan Milosevic

He won accolades in the press and from the public for defiantly standing in the door of the hospital in Vukovar in 1992, during the war that fol-lowed Croatia's break from Yugoslavia, and barring entry to the International Committee of the Red Cross, saying: "This is my country." The scene was shown many

es on Serbian television. in November the colonel was indicted by the interna-The Hague, the first of three Yugoslav army — as opposed to Bosnian Serbs - to be charged with war crimes.

The indictment says that as Col Sijivancanin was stopping the relief workers entering the hospital, nearly 300 men inside were being hus-tled out the back door and taken to a farm, where they were shot and then buried in a mass grave.

more than a month after the indictment, Col Sljivancanin is still a hero in Serbia and here in Montenegro, the two republics that constitute what is left of Yugoslavia.

Acquaintances in Podgorica, formerly known as Titograd, where Col Sljivancanin nas commanded a brigade of the Yugoslav army for the last two years, said he came from "fine family" and could not have committed the crimes he is charged with.

They fondly recalled the first anniversary of the Croat surrender of Vukovar to the Serbs, when the colonel's mother appeared on Yugoslav elevision telling of her son's

Even after the indictment

his reputation was fortified

when a Belgrade busines gave him a car for his role in the battle for Vukovar. The indictment also name General Mile Mrksic and Captain Miroslav Radic of the Yu-

goslav army. They are charged with supervising the same killings. The issuing of international arrest warrants for the three men has been met by silence from Mr

Milosevic.
The president of Montene-gro, Momir Bulatovic, a close



Colonel Veselin Sljivancanin is accused of stopping relief workers entering a hospital in Vukovar in 1992 as nearly 300 non-Scrbian men were hustled out of it and later shot dead

ally of Mr Milosevic who attended the Bosnian peace talks in Dayton, Ohio, with him, said the peace agree-ment did not require the ex-tradition of indicted officers. "Classical co-operation

such as arrest and extradition, is not part of the Dayton

"According to the existing | Nor have the earlier indictlegal tenets, we are obliged to investigate whether the allegations against certain citi-zens are true. We don't have The peace accord signed by

tradite our citizens to the in-ternational tribunal." The indictment has not been announced by the statecontrolled Yugoslav press.

ments of 49 people — 42 Bos-nian Serbs, including their leaders General Ratko Miadio and Radovan Karadzic, and 7 Bosnian Croats.

the warring parties in Paris on December 14 calls on them to co-operate with The Hague

to search his home for guns.

The force's reputation was

and sites involved in the

Among the penalties for non-compliance with the tri-bunal is the reimposition of

economic sanctions. Since the signing in Paris the Milosevic government has not changed its policy of be-havior toward the iribunal, according to a tribunal spokesman, Christian Charier. It has refused to let the tribunal open a liaison office in the capital, Belgrade. A Bulgarian United Nations

official, Deyan Mihov, has been appointed to head the office and was supposed to take up the post several months ago.

The Belgrade authorities

had not responded to the ar-Yugoslav army officers sent to them on November 9, Mr

For Col Sijivancanin, life apparently continues as Crns Gors, the best in town and socialises regularly at the officers' club.

"He comes from a fine fam-ily; he wouldn't want to do anything to ruin their name." local militias who sca said Stevo Badnjar, a taxi driver whose family comes do their own clearance. from the same region as Col Sljivancanin and whose

hrigade. "He was a professional soldier. Whatever he did, he did A recent profile of Col Slji-

vancanin in the independent magazine Monitor paints a different picture. It quotes him as saying in 1992 that the destruction of Vukovar should be taken as a

'warning". Enemies who tried to settle scores with violence would be met with similar destruction, he said. It also quotes him as saying that the Vukovar hospital patients were taken as prisoners

of war to Ovcara, the farm mentioned in the indictment as the site of the mass grave, but were were "secured with our guards". They were then taken to Sremska Mitrovica, a prison in the Vojvodina region of Serbia. "Many of them were

recently released." he was quoted as saying.

The colonel said in the interview that it was true there were some corpses at Ovcara. but they were the bodies of

people found dead in the streets of Vukovar. A Montenegrin acquaint-ance of the colonel who spoke to him recently said the colonel felt bitter toward his military superiors

He repeated the defence he gave in 1992, the acquaintance said, claiming that the hospi tal patients, a mixed group of civilians and soldiers, were taken to Volvodina

"He feels betrayed and ma nipulated by his superiors, especially Gen Mrksic, with whom he had arguments in Vukovar," the acquaintance said. - New York Times.

Nato force helped by militias to clear mines

THE first casualties in the Nato-led peace implemen-tation force in Bosnia are. as military planners feared

the victims of landmines. Two British soldiers were injured at Sanski Most last month, and an American seri-ously injured when his vehi-cle detonated a mine near the

River Sava. Last week two British sol-diers were injured in the Sa-

rajevo suburbs. Between 4 million and 6 million mines have been laid throughout former Yugoslavia since the war began and as the troops spread out across unfamiliar mountainous terrain blanketed in snow American commanders in particular believe this is the most serious threat they face.

The problem is far too big plementation force (I-FOR) to tackle alone. It is ralying on local militias who scattered the mines and booby traps to

I-FOR will take responsibility only for clearing the to use. Nevertheless it is making strenuous efforts to map the hundreds of known mine

assistance where possible. The Dayton accord requires the militias to provide information on their minefields within seven days of Nato taking over from the United Nations — a commitment largely fulfilled — and to clear a 4km-wide separation zone along the new internal boundaries within a month.

According to Major Martin Andrews, formerly with the UN's mine action group and now handling the same prob-lem in the I-FOR headquarters at Kiseljak, the militias' response has been positive.
"The BiH [the mainly Mus-

lim Bosnian army] have been bending over backwards to help. They have produced 800 sets of minefield records and a map," he said.
"The VRS [Bosnian Serb militial have not been so

quick to respond, by all acnow understand the urgency and are ready to co-operate."
"In the British sector [which includes a lot of territory controlled by the Croatian HVO militial the multinational division have received 80 per cent of the information they were

Without accurate maps and records, Maj Andrews emphasises, mine clearance is virtually impossible. The alternative is a painstaking manual search with a prodder, without any guarantee of complete

clearance.
"If the separation zone had
to be prodded from end to end

home

Cypriot police 'involved in underworld murders'

Chris Drake in Nicosia

YPRIOT police officers have been accused by the island's president of murder, bombings, arson attacks, and being deeply involved in underworld battles for the control of drugs, pros-

titution and gambling.
In an astonishing public announcement which shocked the country, Glafkos Clerides claimed that some of the killings were carried out with the full knowledge of senior officers and that police involvement in underworld corruption reached the force's highest levels. The island's boast of a low

crime rate is a standard part

of its advertising to attract

tourists. Close to a million

home to two British bases with 10,000 servicemen and their families, and the regional headquarters of hundreds of international companies. This image of a peaceful

holiday haven has been seriously damaged recently by a series of gangland-style attacks. Nightclub owners have been killed, cars blown up and flats, clubs and massage pariours set on fire. Very few of the crimes, including eight murders, have been solved, despite police assurances that everything was being done to track down those responsible.

Now President Clerides claims that the police are unable to make arrests because they themselves are to blame. Britons taking their holidays | His allegations were made

here each year. It is also | in a letter accepting the resig- | everything. Be careful' ". nation of the assistant police chief, Costas Papacostas, which revealed that he was considering sacking him. The police chief, Andreas Potamaris, is on leave abroad due to ill-health but is expected to resign too.

already badly tarnished by revelations in November that officers in the seaside resort

Officers used methods reminiscent of the Inquisition to extract confessions

unquestionably reliable information that murders had been committed by police officers. In one case police visited a senior officer at two in the morning and told him of the murder they had committed. The officer told them. 'I know | confessions".

The president writes: "My | of Limassol had tortured susconcerns had increased after unquestionably reliable infor-cent of the Middle Ages and the Inquisition".

A report by an independent board of inquiry, described "an organised system of subjecting detainees to inhuman torture aimed at securing

In another incident, a together with a rope which would then be attached to a senior officer tipped off a suspect that the police were due chain hooked to a pulley in the police station ceiling.
"The detainee would be

raised upside down, his legs pointing towards the ceiling and his head hanging down between six inches and a foot from the floor. His head would be covered with a bood and [then placed in] a tin can or a bucket."

Electric batons, clubs, rods or fists were used to beat the prisoner "with particular emphasis paid to his genitals and the soles of his feet. "The outside of the tin can

or bucket would also be hit, causing deafening noise to the ears of the victim. "If the prisoner fainted which was the usual result of when they were held

A suspect would be hand, this brutal abuse, the tortur-cuffed and his legs tied ers would bring him round by ers would bring him round by throwing water on his face and then start again."

The government has said that torture victims are entitled to compensation. Work has started on how much should be paid out.

Twelve officers, including some senior men, face dis-missal following the inquiry. British tourists have claimed that they have been beaten by police officers to extract confessions after being arrested for minor drugs and other offences. Some women have complained of threats of

sexual abuse. Last summer the British High Commission told the Cypriot foreign ministry that it wanted arrested Britons treated better, and to be told

Islam insurgents in crisis

people, and deter insurgents | of random terror: a car-bomb,

lenge to the armybacked regime, is sliding into a debilitating perhaps disastrous, internal

The struggle for ascendancy between its extremists and its relative moderates, always latent, took a more dramatic and murderous form after November's presidential elections, and the popular, if provisional, mandate they conferred on President Lamine Zeroual to end the civil war in the way he sees fit. Scores of insurgents are

now dying, both in clashes among themselves and in the of the Groupes Islamistes Armés have sought to step up the war in peculiarly shocking forms. But as they do so, the Islamic Salvation Front word to do. The attorness seem to be an attempt to prove that they are still very much there, still able to strike at the regime, intimidate the

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

ALESTINIANS mourned the man they called the Engineer yesterday. In the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip, shops and businesses closed, and the streets were

The overwhelming response to a strike call by the minority Islamist movement

Hamas reflected the Palestin-

ians' outrage at the assassina-

Ayyash, who was held respon-sible by Israel for scores of

Ayyash was killed instantly

by a 20z explosive device con-

cealed in a mobile telephone.

In Ayyash's home village of

Rafat, near Ramallah in the

West Bank, friends and rela-

tives flocked to offer their condolences vesterday. The family home, a two-

storey farmhouse draped with

50 or 60 clan members sat

in Gaza, where their son was

buried on Saturday in an extraordinary mass display of anger and grief.

A vast tide of Gazan men -

women do not attend Islamic funerals — followed the cof-

fin's chaotic progress to the

Martyrs' Cemetery on the out-skirts of Gaza City.

As they surged through the streets, they chanted tributes to Ayyash, and vows of

at the Israeli prime minister,

planned and equipped a series of suicide bomb missions, many directed against crowded Israeli buses.

Hamas leaflets were passed around in the crowd on Satur-

day. They promised, in blood-curdling terms, that he would

money, writes Tim Larimer in Hanoi

specialised in.

Ayyash's parents were still price."

deaths in suicide bombings.

eerily quiet.

responsible.

Strike honours

Hamas bomber

ians' outrage at the assassination on Friday of Yahya trolled by the PLO.

Israel has not troubled to con-tradict the universal assump-tion that its agents were chance to divide Palestinian

a green Hamas flag overlook- Ayyash's ghost will

ing olive groves, was thronged with people. In the appear before you'

mute, occasionally greeting tacking Hamas, except if they their visitors.

LGERIA'S Islamic (FIS), or part of its confused insurgency, which leadership, has grown readiar to condemn atrocities which oring the Islamist movement into disrepute, and many members of its militia, the Is amic Salvation Army (AIS), have deserted.

Last week Smail Bellgar.

cem, mayor of Djelida, west of Algiers, was found on the roadside, his heart and liver torn from his dismembered body. It was the latest of the post-election GIA atrocities, whose many victims have in-cluded the journalist Hamid Mahlout — his daughter dis-covered his head on a pike two high-ranking army offi-cers and two Latvian sallors. The GIA failed to disrupt the elections as they had vowed to do. The atrocities

tyred leader Yahya Ayyash is part of the battle with the Zi-

onist entity ... Hamas makes an oath with God to process

with its programme of holy war and resistance," said the

Last month Hamas signed a

mutual non-aggression pact with the Palestine Liberation

Palestinian Authority in the self-rule areas. It agreed to

hand over weapons, and not to launch attacks on Israeli

That agreement is in dan-ger of collapse. A local Hamas leader, Mahmoud Zabhar,

said that when he next met the PLO chief, Yasser Arafat,

he would ask for the return of

unity," he said during the fu-neral. "Israel will not stop at-

Although Mr Zahhar was

anxious to play down tension

between Hamas and the PLO, there were many in the crowd

whose hatred of Israel was

matched only by their con-

authority.
Palestinians are outraged

that Israeli intelligence was

apparently able to operate with impunity in Gaza. The assassination could not have

been worse timed for the Pal-

cotting the elections. But several leading personalities are

running as independents. Their support could be

boosted by the assassination.

Vietnam's talent runs to waste

in home-grown brain drain

tempt for the self-rule

Peres, prepare

your coffin,

printed single sheet.

who, sensing their growing exploding outside a cafe, isolation, are tempted to respond to official offers of 40. In the past FIS leaders mercy" if they "repent". Mustafa Kartali, a high-

ranking FIS member, was reported to have turned him-self in yesterday. In an attempt to stop the rot, the GIA have even issued a fatwa against watching television, because it broadcasts interviews with "penitents". The selective, wantonly grue-

some assessinations, mostly in Algiers or nearby, achieve maximum publicity with minimum resources. That is one reason why the GIA to reject violence as a way of chose them. Another, observing that we that the state of the control ers suggest, is that, as they are losing ground militarily as well as politically, they are becoming less able to mount conventional operations.

Last month brought the resumption of a vicious form

after signs that he and like-minded FIS leaders interpreted the elections as mean-ing that Algerians craved

40. In the past FIS leaders voiced disapproval of such blind violence, although usu-

ally hedging it with equivoca-tion. This time Rabah Kabir, the FIS spokesman in Ger-many, condemned "this crim-

inal act".
It was "impossible to solve

political problems, of any kind, by crimes against hu-manity", he said.

The condemnation came

take that into account their standing would suffer. In an "open letter" to President Zeroual, Mr Kabir acknowledged the "popular support" he had won. Such conciliationy gestures

have been denounced, not only by the GIA but also — in a sign of confusion in the whole Islamist camp — by rival FIS leaders such as the US-based Anwar Haddem, who called Mr Kabir's letter

It is a time for agonising reappraisals and basic choices. The moderates can have no more illusions about their ability to rein in the ex-tremists. It recently emerged that two FIS "sheikhs" who had tried to do just that were

Muhammad Said and Abdul Razzaq al-Rejjam went over to the GIA in 1994, believing that

cesses of their zealots while profiting from their military prowess. They objected to such fatwas as one that per mitted the killing not only of "renegades" working for the
"godless state" but their
wives and daughters too.
In fact the zealots ended up

"correcting" their elders: after a "religious trial" they "executed" them and some 50 followers. Fratricidal sav-agery ensued: in one episode an insurgent booby-trapped a grotto, blowing up all his 14

ment will now be all the more difficult because they think their conciliatory gestures have not been rewarded. A FIS source described the government which the new prime minister, Ahmad Ouya-hia, formed last week as a "clumsy attempt to bypass real political forces".

comrades.
The moderates' predica-

The storm was ignited by a

lier testimony on Whitewater Republicans said yesterday they might call Mrs Clinton before the senate committee investigating the affair.
The committee chairman

new material suggested "conduct that borders on contempt, obstruction of justice and making false statements". Equally damaging could be the release of a memo by the former White House aide

The administration is

staff on trumped-up charges in order to make room for several Arkansas cronies, headed by a cousin of the president's. Mrs Clinton has always denied any role in the An associate of Mrs Clinton

one to ribbons and make them feel like an idiot. It was a lot easier to do what she Asked whether she ordered

published yesterday: "I just don't have any memory of The magazine's cover

Initially promoted by her husband as a "co-president". Mrs Clinton quickly provoked a backlash by her

When the president's flag-ship reform of the health care system — piloted by his wife better wife and partner".
— sank in 1994, she retreated "My husband has done the to the more traditional first same," she adds.

'Willy' sets off on

a trip to freedom



ILLARY CLINTON came under sustained political onslaught last night, including fresh allega-tions that she lied under oath about the Whitewater affair, concealed her role in a bungled purge of White House staff and is a tyrannical boss. As Mrs Clinton began a tour to promote a book on child-raising, Republicans were casting her as a decep-tive manipulator at the centre of a series of White House

Yesterday's influential political television talk-shows all led on the charges against Mrs Clinton, asking a revised version of the Watergate question: "What did the First Lady know and when did she know it?"

rush of previously-unreleased documents which appear to contradict Mrs Clinton's ear-

Senator Al D'Amato, said the

David Watkins claiming that Mrs Clinton was involved in Travelgate — the shambolic firing of the White House travel office staff in 1993.

told the New York Times yes-terday: "She's a good terday: "She's a good screamer. She can cut some-

the travel office dismissals, Mrs Clinton told Newsweek,

places here above the head-line Saint or Sinner?



Mrs Clinton: 'At centre of White House scandals'

lady duties: opening hospitals, visiting Third World countries and working with children. Now she has returned to

the political limelight — but not by choice. from the Rose law firm in Arkansas, in which Mrs Clinton was a partner. They seem to contradict the evidence she

gave investigators in written estimony last year. The bills show that she had 14 meetings or conversations about the Castle Grande land project, even though she claimed in her statement that she knew nothing about the venture. The conversations

Madison Guaranty, the failed finance house whose owner was a pariner of the Clintons in the Whitewater land deal. Republicans, who have ments for two years, ex-pressed disbelief at White House claims that the papers turned up by chance in the Clintons' private residence on Thursday night. Mr D'Amate called the discovery "miracu-lous", and leading Republi-

cans said that it was part of a complex cover-up. In her new book, It Takes a Village, Mrs Clinton shows herself to be a much more conservative figure than the one demonised by the US radical right. She calls for a return to school uniforms and

sexual abstinence by young people. She also speaks about the pregnant, her problems breastfeeding, and the rockiness of her marriage. She writes that she opted to "bite highly-visible policymaking her tongue" several times rather than consider divorce and chose "to think instead about what I could do to be a

estinian Authority, coming less than two weeks before Shimon Peres. Others called the elections which it hopes will legitimise its shaky rule. for an all-out war on the Jew-ish state, and for more bomb attacks of the kind Ayyash Henry Tricks sees tion effort, which started with a £1.25 million donation from Warner Brothers, Mr Arafat's "cabinet" met in Gaza yesterday and con-demned the killing, saying it an ailing whale with "Peres, prepare your coffin, Ayyash's ghost will appear before you!" they yelled. And: is aimed at countering criticism that Keiko remains in a glittering past had "poisoned the prevailing the much the same dreary political climate". They warned: "Violence will inevitably lead to more violence." "We want buses, we want leave his humble Although it appeared last mouth to be close to a deal with the PLO, Hamas is boy-In three years Ayyash

Hero's welcome . . . A Palestinian boy tries to climb over a fence as he clieers the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, who was making his first visit to the West Bank town of Dura yesterday. Mr Arafat told a crowd of about 400 that the killing of

home in Mexico City

KIKO, the three-ton killer whale that leapt to stardom in the film Free Willy, left his cramped pool in Mexico City yesterday to fly to Oregon and possible freedom.

Winched up by crane from a tank he has long outgrown, the 21ft whale which for 11 years has been the star performer in a Mexico City amusement park — began a journey that could make him the first killer whale to be

returned to the ocean. His immediate destination is a purpose-built aquarium in Newport,

Oregon.
Involving nine hours in a Hercules transport plane, the trip is a far cry from the dash to freedom "Willy" made with the help of a 12year-old boy in the 1993 Warner Brothers movie.

Hoisted up in a canvas sling, squealing and flapping his fins as he dangled 30-foot in the air, Keiko

was lowered into a metal railway container. Rows of Mexican families braved the midnight chill

to see him depart on a flatbed truck. Children yelled "Adios

20,000 to 30,000 people have Keiko" and some shed tears died during the 13-month war as the convoy, led by motorcyle police, took the whale away.
"I want to fly with him."

said Luis Rivera Juarez, aged 10, who first saw Keiko as a fifth birthday treat, and has visited him every year since. "At least in Oregon he'll

stan say that unless men grow beards in line with strict Islamic practices they will not street sweepers, a Pakistani earn dollars, not pesos," freed from.

Underweight, with warts on his skin and a dorsal fin

that droops limply over, Keiko will be nursed back to health in a cold saltwater pool in Newport five times the size of his Mexican babitat.

His days as a performer the move say.

They hope they can pre-pare him for a return to the wild so that he can eventu-ally rejoin his family off the coast of Iceland and find a mate. At 15 years of age, Keiko has reached sexual matu-

rity, and officials at the Mexican amusement park where he performed said they were donating him to the new aquarium because they were unable to afford a female companion for

United Parcel Service of America gave him a free £300,000 flight, and a Mexican crane company took him to the airport, its name painted all over the tank. The Free Willy Founda-tion, a US charity which

campaigned for the move, says Keiko will no longer star in films, though a Mexican television giant, Televisa, has built a soap opera around his departure and plans to continue filming in Oregon.

For the amusement park there was little consolation in the loss of its greatest crowd-puller. It has ruled out acquiring another killer whale, saying there are none on the market. The children had other

ideas. "Send us back your child," yelled one 10-yearold, Adriana Paula Barrera, ás Keiko's truck said his cousin Rosa. rera, as Keiko's The £5 million rehabilita- pulled off. — Reuter.

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are abandoning their profes-sions for jobs that pay more but make no use of their advanced educations. "It is my dream to work as a doctor, but the pay is too small and the conditions are not good," said Cao Minh Tuan, aged 35, who traded in his stethoscope to sell televi-sion sets. "Now I make

and the end of the Viet-nam war in 1975, thou-sands of Vietnamese fled, in-

cluding many scientists,

doctors and engineers.

Twenty years later another kind of brain drain, this one

internal, is bleeding universi-

of talent

houses. On a doctor's salary, I Dr. Tuan's conversion from getting rich are in tourism. Thanh Ha, who has studied those a doctor to merchant has made property, trade and with for the brain drain for the gov-

enough money to buy two

FTER the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam war in 1975, thoueconomy into communist Vietnam means there is more money to be made in the private sector. But privatisation does not mean they can automatically shift from the government payroll to better-pay-

ties, hospitals and ministries ing positions.

There are no private hospi-This time the educated are tals or clinics yet, for exam-ple, and the idea of private not leaving Vietnam. They medical practice has not caught on. Many doctors find secondary sources of income; selling medicine is among the more popular.

But the professions that once commanded stable gov-ernment wages, subsidised housing and lifetime security — teaching, engineering, medicine — have yet to benefit from economic reforms. The real opportunities for

ing more money than in a hospital. A schoolteacher works as a hotel doorman. A geography professor bricklayers.

taking jobs that have little to

do with their education. Hotel

receptionists usually have degrees. Taxi drivers often

do, too. Waiters are likely to

turn out to be like one middle-

aged man, who was trained as a chemist but now cannot find work in his field.

A man in his late 20s with

an advanced physics degree works as a tourist guide and

English translator. "What

kind of work is there for a

"We are in kind of a transi-

tion period," said Nguyen

physicist?" he asked.

The educated are trading professions for money, writes **Tim Larimer** in Hanoi

eign companies. At the same time, government ministries, schools and hospitals are cutting jobs.

eign companies. At the same time, government ministries, schools and hospitals are cutting jobs. So people with degrees are

Yahya Ayyash violated the spirit of reconciliation

The national assembly was warned last year that the brain drain could impede economic development by wasting its educated on menial jobs or losing them to foreign companies. An official urged the gov-

eroment to invest more in research to keep scientists interested in working for universities. But Mr Ha complained that efforts to halt the brain drain have been cosmetic and inef-

geography professor has from the foreign-language col-made a small fortune in prop-lege with even average knowlmade a small fortune in property and has opened a beer dege can earn \$200 a month hall. Rural doctors work as working for a foreign company. But if you are an engineer, you are lucky to get \$40, even if you have a hundred of those awards." - New York

News in brief

Amsterdam at the weekend

after he stopped on a motor-way to give first aid to a rabbit, the Dutch news agency ANP reported.— Reuter.

Forced landings

The US military has helped Peru and Colombia shoot or

force down nearly 40 civilian planes carrying illegal drugs

to the United States, military

officials said. — Washington

The Chinese bought a record 5.5 billion yoan (£427 million) in lottery tickets last year and

sales could double if supply could meet demand, Business

A Russian official confirmed

estimates by experts that

Leaders of the rebel Taliban

faction in southern Afghani-

be allowed to work, except as

newspaper, The News,

Weekly reported. - AP.

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in Chechenia. - AP.

Hirsute ruling

Lottery record

Post.

Seven killed in bus blast

Seven people were killed and 16 injured when a bomb exploded on a bus vesterday in riot-torn Karachi, southern Pakistan.

Meanwhile the Home Secre tary, Michael Howard, set fire to tonnes of confiscated drugs in Attock yesterday to under-line the Government's sup-port for Pakistan in its war against narcotics traffickng. - Reuter.

Colombia killings Leftwing rebels killed at least eight soldiers in an attack in northern Colombia, military sources said. The soliders

were guarding a communica

tions station belonging to Eco-

petrol. - Reuter.

Japan's PM Japan's ruling coalition agreed on a new policy plat form yesterday, paving the way for the trade minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, to be named prime minister later in the week, the Kyodo news

agency reported. — Reuter.

First aid victim

A 72-year-old motorist was

run over and killed north of reported. - AP.

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North Korea on the bread line

History requires that we help

THE NEWS that more than 20 million North Koreans are going hungry has not yet greatly moved the rest of the world. It is time it did. Korea remains a far-off country both geographically and because of its political isolation. It has almost no friends. But there are good practical reasons for helping Pyongyang quite apart from the moral obligation to save millions of children from malnutrition or worse.

The excuse that too little is known about what is really going on in North Korea - and therefore that the dimensions of the present crisis cannot be properly gauged by potential donors — no longer holds. With growing realism, no doubt spurred by desperation, Pyongyang officials have allowed UN agencies exceptional access to rural areas which are normally closed. Quantities of data have been provided and old Pyongyang hands are amazed by the speed with which enquiries are now often answered. The food problem goes far beyond the immediate effects of the floods. The picture is one of a country which has been brought to the verge of exhaustion over the past few years, and where another bad year could tip it over the edge. Mismanagement has played a part, but a significant factor has been the loss of Chinese and (former) Soviet support for a country whose agriculture depends heavily on inputs of fertiliser and fuel.

Some will argue that the Kim Il-sung dynasty, now continued by his secretive son Kim Jong-Il, deserves to collapse. Yet even (perhaps one should say especially) in Seoul, it is realised that this would be a disaster for the whole Korean peninsula and perhaps beyond. The disparity between North and South is too great: the flight of refugees southwards would be overwhelming. Surrounded by three great powers (Russia, China and Japan) the destabilisation of Korea would create new competition and insecurity in East Asia.

Pyongyang's deification of the Kim dynasty over many decades has not only lost friends but consumed vast amounts of scarce resources. There is no doubt that it has warped decision-making and paralysed initiatives among officials who must prove they are loyal before all else. But the mood of adulation has waned. The younger Kim, though reclusive, appears to lead a reform-minded stratum in the Workers' Party which favours opening to the outside world against the opposition of army headliners from the old generation. Some Pyongyang officials hint quite broadly that they are struggling for more sensible and flexible policies.

South Korea has taken the lead, for obvious reasons, in cultivating the image of an unpredictable Pyongyang. Understanding the North is not really so hard and visitors to both countries notice similarities in their political cultures. Seoul has recently argued that the North's "military threat" is increasing - a view uncritically echoed last week by Michael Portillo. Yet a military adventure seems wholly implausible for this exhausted country.

The World Food Programme has been struggling to secure enough aid. The problem is not just to compensate for the flood damage, but to fill what is now a chronic deficit. Already food rations have been cut — as we report today — to minimum levels but even these are not being fully met. It is a desperate situation. Only a handful of countries have answered the WFP appeal and Britain is one of many still considering its response. A joint effort is needed to tackle North Korea's crisis. History should remind us that it is not such a distant place.

Lottery lunacy

But would we do good works without it?

IMPERFECT though it is, it is impossible not to be impressed by the National Lottery as a country-wide participatory event. Camelot reckon that a staggering 90 per cent of the population bought at least one ticket for a pool that generated £81.4 million in prize money. What other activity has ever generated such a response? It is a far bigger turn-out than a general election. It has become a national talking, and even bonding, event, The notoriously reticent British are talking to each other in the queues these days because of the lottery. And it is not just down to greed. Well, not completely. The fact that a chunk of the winnings (a record £39 million last week) goes to help worthy causes is one of the complex of reasons why people choose to waste their money this way. This column is not the place for financial advice, but there is no doubt that investment in premium bonds is a much more cost-effective way of entering a lottery. You can win prizes of £1 million without losing your stake. (Perhaps it needs its own television programme to promote it.) But the point is that people choose the lottery because it gives them the chance, however distant, of being able to win sums big enough to enable them to stop working, while not having the social stigma attached to other ways of getting rich quick. It has its excesses (like poorer people gambling money they can't afford) which ought to be addressed, but the lottery is undoubtedly a democratic occasion in which people voluntarily place their money knowing that only a few will hit the jackpot. Noone can say they weren't warned.

At the moment it is also providing a valuable underpinning for consumer spending. In the year to the third quarter of 1995 it has boosted consumer spending by 0.5 per cent from 2.1 per cent to 2.6 per cent and, unlike most consumption, it is being spent on a British product with much of the proceeds going towards enriching the social and architectural infrastructure of the country. Is it too much to hope that this inner spirit of the lottery could be sublimated into a greater willingness to pay tax directly for such worthy causes? John Major claimed yesterday that "the degree of money that is necessary for these good causes would never have come from the taxpayer". What he really means is not while the Conservatives are still in power. It is quite likely that if the Government had decided to set up a special fund, financed by taxes, equivalent to that which good causes currently receive from the lottery, it would have been politically popular. It would have generated a constant supply of "feel-good" stories as communities up and down the country benefited from the awards decided by the same committees that are now handing out money to charities, sport, the arts, heritage and the millennium. But, on the basis of the euphoria generated last week, one would be forced to admit that it would have been a lot less fun.



Letters to the Editor

A disservice to the world

WHERE and when did your leader writer (De-cember 29) hear the BBC World Service? I found it very different when working in the construction industry for three years in Germany.

At best, half the output was a discordant noise called "pop", presented by ex-Radio 1 disc jockeys in pseudo-American accents. Most of the rest was comprised of talks given by women or plays, usually with some feminist theme. Eastern and Western Europe were mainly ignored in favour of Africa.

Eventually, I only listened to Sunday morning programmes, hoping to hear news about Britian, although there was little of that. Only three East Germans I

met had listened to the WS, before or since the political change, but most had heard RIAS (Radio In American Sector). One of the exceptions was a doctor of finance, employed by the Stasi, who used t for the BBC Learning English series. He wanted to cultivate the British rather than the more common and fashionable American accent.

The BBC World Service does not "foster a climate for into political harmony or exports." Indeed, it is more likely to be counter-produc-tive. There is a strong case for aring it altogether, and saving £170 to £200 million a year for the taxpayers. That would be more sensible than a lot of government actions during the last 17 years.

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Poor Marx

ETS hope that Militant has a surer grip on Marxist theory than it does on historial fact as evidenced by Mike Waddington's curious state-ment (Letters, January 5) that the Liberal high-water mark of 1906 was followed by a 'swift" decline which he sees as the fate of a future Labour government. The 1906 government was, with the post-war Labour government, the most progressive this century. It introduced progressive income tax. Labour exchanges, unemployment insurance, and old-Terry Philpot.

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Trading up for al-Mas'ari Why the end of waiting lists may not be good news for the NHS

seems to be polarised be-tween the moral and the pragmatic — human rights versus jobs. This is a false distinction. Dr al-Mas'ari deserves the support of those who have an interest in sustaining employment in the en-gineering industry, of which the defence sector is still a

major component.

As a trade union official, i dealt with defence companies for over 20 years. I saw them transformed from being confident, growing and technologically advanced to worried redundancy-prone and highlycritical of government defence policy. If the present situation continues, there will be abso-lutely no job security for those whose careers have been devoted to organisations that have become over-dependent

on military production. cent defence-dependent; the

Orr's "warm, comfy, hassle-

free life" (First Person, Janu-

riot in Brixton, Her self-dep-

recation and attempts at

irony only thinly disguise a

shameful lack of understand-ing or empathy for her own neighbourhood. I'd like to see her tell those single mothers

on the Loughborough estate

how much of a "fun place to hang out" Brixton is.

There is no shortage of ma-terial to fuel misconceptions

about the area. For example

while Orr was drunk in Soho,

an opportunistic mob was

performing a well-rehearsed farce outside Brixton police

station. Not the rioters — they were already making off with their mostly uninsured

spoils to Peckham or wher-

ver - but self-appointed

"spokespeople" eagerly feed-ing a poorly-informed press. We may edit th The riot was provoked and and conclusion.

Streetwise tips from fun city

AM so glad that Deborah | carried out by those who, to

- but at only 16 per cent. The largest German defence company, Daimler-Benz, is 30 per cent dependent. The cold war cent dependent the com war confrontation is over and there is a glut of arms on the world market with too many producers chasing fewer and

poorer buyers.
The Challenger 2 tank was developed for the Shah of Iran. by Vickers as part of the UK Government's support for his unpopular regime. When he was deposed, one of the first actions taken by the new rulers was to cancel the order. Redundancies followed immediately. The future of British industry, and employment, does not lie in placating a cor-rupt ruling family but in pro-ducing alternative products that people want to buy. Tim Webb.

stereotypes.

If, in the aftermath, even

the commentary of a journalist who lives in Brixton does

where else that's handy for

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HE al-Mas'ari debate | company with the highest pro-seems to be polarised be- portion in Japan is Kawasaki | immorality of silencing a

fair. But there is also the mat-ter of the welfare of thousands of ordinary British families whose living depends on trade with Saudi Arabia. Why does that count for so little in your

pages?
It ill behoves the Guardian to pretend that the lives of one set of people matter less than the freedom of speech of one individual. He will not suffer from decembing the another from decamping to another country, but thousands of British families will suffer if he remains here. Not a nice thing to say, but true never-theless. At least the Government has tried to find him somewhere else to go. Even they recognise he has a just cause, even if outweighed by other factors. Peter Hardwick.

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Life and times AWOMAN is diagnosed as dead by her doctor (Thwarting the grim reaper, January 6). When transferred

still to be living and medical services hasten to find out what's wrong with her. Shouldn't they be finding out what's wrong with the doctor? Jim Golcher. 5 Blakesley Hill,

Greens Norton, Towcester, NN12 8BP.

As a few hardy souls sat out our ward meeting last night in a cheerless hall, Hugo Young's new vision of a land-slide Labour victory (January the continuing detriment of Brixton and its residents, choose to live up to 4) felt a somewhat distant and rather impossible one. It ain't going to be that easy any-where — let alone in the mar-ginals or deepest south. Canon David Partridge. nothing but reinforce those stereotypes, then perhaps it's time for her to move some-

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DESPITE all the fuss about the ban on coaches in the fast lane, the National Ex-press winter timetable does not show any alterations to journey times. Am I to con-clude that this ban will not have a material effect or should my local library transfer this document from Infor-mation to Fiction? Colin Chapman. 21 Manor Close,

Burbage, Hinckley, Leics LE10 2NL.

ing that "there is no reason why there abould be waiting lists in the NHS by the year 2000" (January 5) my heart does not leap with joy. To assume that reduction in, or ab-olition of, waiting lists is uni-versally desirable flies in the face of clinical practice and

Whilst noone would argue that it is unacceptable for some cases to be kept waiting an arbitrary time limit is a very crude measure for a very complex healthcare system. There are many reasons why waiting lists may get smaller, and not reflect increaductivity of the NHS.

Factors which influence whether you are placed on a waiting list include whether you go to your GP, whether your GP decides to refer you to a specialist, and what treatment the specialist recom-mends. All of these are influenced by patient expectations, clinical standards, and avail-

ability of services.

Reaching a situation of no 39 Leckford Road,

WHEN I read Mike March-ment, of the West Mid-lands Health Authority, say-ing that "them is no way." The currency now being used was one of relative health benefit then I would be less anxious about the focus tal-based activity over the de-mands of community care, the and the desirability of future investments to promote health

amongst our young people.
Being driven merely by
time limits, without any regard for whether waiting lists are for knee replacements or cosmetic surgery, what treatments are excluded, or how patients have been in-volved, does not convince me needs of all groups have been considered.

Until patients, clinicians, health service managers, pub-lic and politicians have had a services are needed, I remain unconvinced that to focus on waiting lists is to benefit the health of the population or to ensure the most appropriate Dr Sian Griffiths.

waiting lists could merely Oxford, OX2 6HY

A Country Diary

knows the lovely sound of the vignettes will sustain us year, but every day were out somewhere over Levens, unin the snow on local hills — accountably making a sharp Scout Scar, Whitbarrow, Farleton Knott and others which all gave us superb pan-oramas of sunlit, snow-covered fells crowding the horizon. Meanwhile, my son and or no wind, even on the high tops, and unbroken sunshine from dawn to dusk. Although skiing and ice-

climbing were possible, if you knew where to go, there was not quite enough snow for the enthusiast, but the clarity of the views was quite exceptional. My son saw few people on the high fells — nobody on

THE LAKE DISTRICT: Only | some - and we had our little the winter mountaineer hills almost to ourselves. Litboots crunching on sunlit during dark days to come. Stook that merrily squeaks with every step. We didn't reach the high snows during the wonderful last week of the for the Kent estuary and accountably making a sharp 30 degrees turn to the right Then, on Boxing Day, from the limestone cliffs of Scout Scar, I watched for a quarter of an hour a manned balloon desperately trying to make height along the wooded Lyth daughter-in-law, with their ice-axes, were daily treading Catstycam, St Sunday Crag. Ullscarf and other heights, so we gleaned a fair picture of the Lakeland scene at the Lakeland scene at the their control of the year. It was a week then on New Year's Eve, weeked on a block of limestone on the top of Farleton Knott, with snowbound Ingleborough beckoning to the east, we were joined by a friendly robin, who enjoyed a crumbled piece of mince pie while, three feet away, we drank our soup and munched the last of the turkey

sandwiches. A HARRY GRIFFIN

When shame is the name of the game

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

HAVE waited all weekend to hear the sound of Michael Portillo's imperial echoes, and I have waited n vain — struggling to comhat my impatience with attempts to imagine how Lord Palmerston would have reacted to a foreign govern-ment that complained about the lawful conduct of a legal resident within this septred isle. So much for sovereignty if, on the say so of Saudi Arabia, the Home Secretary attempts to deport a middle-aged Arab for the sin of sending inflamatory faxes to Riyadh.

I have no idea whether or not Dr Mohammed al-Mas'ari is a good man, if he will meet Ann Widdecombe in heaven or if he will be satisfied with a company of poor sinners. And Islamic fundamentalism — the offence of which Dr Ma-

our domestic affairs.

The principal complaint against the decision to deport Dr Mas'ari is, of course, the Government's denial of the right to asylum. And we can take it for granted that any policy which is out of Ann Widdecombe by Michael Howard is likely to be shamelessly indeed, Ms Widdecombe's

defence of the deportation extended moral insensitivity to | Saudis threatened that, unless new extremes. "We have close | we pander to their prejudices, trade relations with a friendly state who have been the subcompany of poor sinners. And ject of constant criticism from I have no more sympathy for Dr al-Mas'ari. We have enor mous export considerations the offence of which Dr Mas'ari is accused by some of his
critics — than I have for Issaid, difficult though it may be
specified by this newspaper. I happened less Cabinet that appeasement to be in Canterbury Cathedral, never works. Rudyard Kipling is, presumably, their poet lau-

rights of people with whom we | principle that she set out is a disagree is the mark of a civi-lised society. The test of a order as laid down by the Act. nation's self-confidence is the But there is just a chance that way in which it stands up to she, and people like her, will blackmail. Strange that Mr be moved by the discovery to protect — is silent in the las made us look pathetic.

It is the feeble natural our domestic affaire

response to Saudi pressure which should have incited Michael Portillo into making one of his sub-Churchillian speeches. The Secretary of State for Defence was prepared to fight them on the beaches rather than allow Brussels to decide the design of military cap hadges - a danger sufficiently remote to He whined and knelt before a be resisted without much personal risk. But when the we may lose the chance to export arms, he accepted the in-

struction without a murmur. On the day the Govern ment's decision was revealed critics — than I have for is said, difficult though it may be where I paused outside the is presumably, then produce about the liberties conversion from one lamic feudalism, the unfor people with humane in chapel which is dedicated to reate. His judgment on dane plained about the liberties Christian Church to another.

doubted misdemeanour of the Saudi government. But the grammar to believe. It is for ing at the tattered regimental willingness to defend the the judges to decide if the colours, I recalled, for the first time in 50 years, a line from a terrible poem which I had learned at school. The Private Of The Buffs - captured by tribesmen in some distant land — was told to bow before a pagan god. Being a character in a Victorian poem, he refused. "Let dusky native whine and kneel/ An Englishman will die."

Strangely enough (for he does not often occupy my thoughts) I wondered if Mr Portillo was a genuine romantic chauvinist and, therefore, enjoyed such bloated rubbish. I now realise that - if he is familiar with the lines - he must regard them as a rebuke. pagan god called Mammon. To sell his tanks and aeroplanes, he acquiesced in an intoler-able interference in British Another poem, which I had

previously thought would appeal to Tory nationalists. ought to convince our spine-

geld — the had old Saxon habit | which British dissidents en-of trying to buy-off enemies — | joy. Instead, we knuckled is equally appropriate to Britain's willingness to fawn on so-called friends who threaten to cancel defence contracts.
"The end of that game is oppression and shame/ and the the case of al Masari, Britain is guilty of the oppression and is therefore shamed.

threatened Arabia itself? Cynsafeguard oil supplies and we always realised that the Gulf war was not fought in defence wise, the democracies would have invaded, not defended, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia.

But I did believe that it was intended to prove that one sovereign state cannot bully another. We should have reminded King Fahd and

joy. Instead, we knuckled under and poor Ann Widde-combe was left to explain why. Just before Christmas she had told an Any Questions' audience that Her Majesty's Inspectors of Prisons refused nation that plays it is lost!" In to complete their examination of squalid Holloway because they were confident that government policy would soon Until last week, I had supposed that the Saudis were so in our debt that they would after the al-Mas'ari debacle, overlook a few rude faxes she appeared on television to she appeared on television to from London. Did we not go to their defence when Iraq first occupied Kuwait and then should be performed free of handcuffs, manacles and Storm blew up in order to which (she insisted) women prisoners must endure while shackled to beds or male warders. And she has no

Widdecombe, With its record on individual liberty, personal freedom and human dignity, it can only benefit from having, as its apologist, a woman of Crown Prince Abdullah of she made a public spectacle of such conspicuous virtue that that principle when they com-

John Hooper

mine was pretty exciting.
On December 31, I woke up
to find I was the most hated

man in Italy. All the major daily papers had a reference to me and/ or the Guardian on their front pages, together with abundant, hostile coverage inside. Il Messaggero thought what I had written

was so unconscionable it set aside an entire page to deal with it. La Repubblica made it the target of its lead editorial. And, by the end of the day, it had been the subject of at least two miles at IV. of at least two national TV

What stirred the Italian media to such a paroxysm of indignant fury was an item which even the most diligent even the most min-gent Guardian reader might have overlooked: a six-line contribution to a page of predictions for 1996 speculating that a young Mafia boss, one Pietro Aglieri. might be among the year's "movers and shakers".

Perhaps because Aglieri was the only Italian mentioned, it was assumed the Guardian had chosen him to represent Italy and that, in doing so, we were saying "Italy equals the Mafia". I have even been accused of naming him Italy's "Man of the Year".
All this may have a lot to

say about the difficulty newspapers face in filling their pages in the news drought between Christmas and new year. But it also has something to say about Italy too. I have never known a country so mor-bidly preoccupied with the mat once told me it was the only EU state which protests through diplomatic channels to other EU states about what is perceived to be unfavourable media

coverage. Of that, Italians get a surfeit. Every day, overseas correspondents of the Itallan news agency, ANSA. comb the foreign press for are then summarised and sent back for re-publication. The slant is routinely negative: someone, somewhere is getting at us. As usual. In the past week, the

Times was said by one paper to have censured "chaos in Italy" (when it actually carried an innocuous leader on the current political uncertainty); Corriere della Sera reported that the Washington Post had made Genghis Khan "Man of the millennium", but "left out Dante"; and RAI's radio news recorded that an internathe world's 10 greatest wines - "none of them

T BAFFLES me how Italians manage to remain a sanguine while being told, day in, day out, that they are reviled, despised and wilfully discriminant against by the rest of humanity. In part, I suspect this relentless negativity can be put down to a cul lic life at least, Italians fren speak, and write,

when I wrote that there was a disparity between the attention which Italias peid to the Pope and his teachings, it was re-iter-preted as my callinghem grandi ipocriti. Whe I noted that there was pancity of first-hand reprting from Bosnia here aff that it made the conflict sem dis-tant, I was said to it denouncing Italy's "mical indifference".

Not suprisingly oreigners tend to see it astraight-forward touchines and put it down to the Italans' obsession with bellegara:
wanting to keep b appearances as a nations well as
individually. May Italians,
though, will inst that it is
really a support of law. really a symptor of low national self-estem; that, behind Italy's gittery Ferrari-Gucci-Verrce facade, there is a timojus nation, of freelle institution. of fragile instittions, which still carlot believe in the reality of i success and prosperity. The two explanations are nemutually exclusive.

exclusive.
But they sti seem unnecessary when he considers that the Italias probably generate mot genuine affection than ny other people in Euppe. Others may think othem as fickle and volatileout they also think of the as stylish, think of the as stylish, creative, emprising, industrious ad, what is more, likesle.

Though loubt the Italians thems ves will ever get to find ut.



Pilot error leaves DON'T know what sort of new year you had, but Major up the creek

Commentary

Mark Lawson

 HE publication of new biographies of Winston Churchill or Abraham Lincoln is always a difficult period for modern politicians, as reviewers are apt to become nostilgic on the subject of leaders. A particular target for sircastic contrast is the level of verbal expression with which the giants of the past were apparently blessed. Pity John Major and Tony Blair, then, who yesterday gave their first television intervievs of 1996 on the very morning that the posh books pages were drooling over a new Lie of Lincoln, with par-ticular reference to Abe's verbal grace. So, as we edge towards the election during which these leaders will be called upon to deliver their own Gittysburgs, how were they shaping up?
The Prime Minister made

his amual January appearance on BBC1's Breakfast with Fost. It was a measure of his present difficulties that he chise to be interviewed the Labour prime minister's live. such encounters are first name.

nation of Emma Nicholson. Appearing live, the PM had the benefit of a head-count of MPs just before he went on. The least verbally compe-

tent prime minister since Alec Douglas-Home, Major managed to restrict himself on this occasion to one out-right howler, which was at least interestingly Freudian. Pressed on his policy differences with the previous Tory prime minister, he replied: "Margaret Thatcher was my areas where we disagree. Some where people say we disagree." His spin-doctors will mutter that we know what he meant, to which we might reply that we also know what he was thinking. Elsewhere, Major sounded

normal, or normal for him, which is to say bizarre. Most parody of Major's speaking manner has fixed on a tendency towards tedious bankerese -- "a not inconsiderbut the Frost appearance suggested that his essential linguistic quality is antiquity. He said "folly" four times. The electorate was directed towards "a set of economic circumstances that look more clement today than for some time." The last time the word "clement" was in gen-

normaly recorded, but last And, for 1996, the prime weekend's pre-packaged chat minister had a big new meta-

for Radio 4's Today pro-gramme was rendered ludi-crous by the overnight resig-international recession and he could not believe that the electorate would wish "to throw away the pilots who've done that ... and replace them with pilots who have no experience of even taking a dinghy on the Serpentine."

Now here is a line that Abraham Lincoln might have used: at least in its complete ignorance of 20th century transport developments. But for how many modern voters is the first association of the word "pilot" with hoats? In shipping terminology, any-way, a pilot is someone who takes control of a hoat only briefly in order to see it in or out of harbour: an odd, though perhaps revealing, picture of the premiership for Major to wish to promote. It is this kind of bizarre slip of the tongue which has led some to suggest that Major is an extraterrestrial or a Nige-rian (from which country he began his rise to power) who learned English from the novels of Trollope. The only other possible explanation is that the prime minister is drawn to river metaphors because constantly in his mind during all the time that he is the image of a well-known has had a television creek which he and his party

are currently up. Certainly, subconscious connections seem to be the hest explanation for much of what Major says, Pressed on his 1990 vision of a "classles society", he complained: "Many people look at a class-

wrong end of the telescope."
A quite meaningless phrase,
but one which holds a shivery ghost of expressions to do with class division: wrong side of the tracks, wrong side of the blanket, wrong end of the queue. "It's about maintaining the rich tapestry of British life ... some people try to see it as maintaining a blanket uniformity." It's common to complain about politicians using cliches, but Major at least groups his by theme, or here, seam: tapes tries, blankets.

The interview gave a clear hint of Major's campaign tactics: a portrait of Blair as an opportunistic position-switcher: "He seems to be saying: Trust me, because I was wrong in the past and I no longer believe what I said in the past." This strategy is a simple retread of the anti-Kinnock

The last time the word 'clement' was in general political usage, it was the Labour prime minister's first name

smears of four years ago. But Kinnock was vulnerable on this point because he had shown two conflicting public profiles: first as firebrand backbencher and then as reformist leader. For all the frantic Tory scrabbling for dusty CND badges, Blair's rhetoric has been consistent

Second, the British electorate is surely by now sophisti-cated enough to understand that an accusation that a rival possesses "merely soundbites" is itself a mere soundhite.

likely the two free stop-overs permitted on most return flights to Oz — into a quasi state visit to the Far East.

Accused by Major of liking soundbites, Blair unveiled two: "One-nation Labour" and "the stake-holder economy." Revealingly, both were second sucks of things first on Conservative tongues. The first was at least a pointed and ironic borrowing of a Macleodism, but the second seemed merely a pofaced and approving rewrite of Mrs Thatcher's phrase for privatisation: the "share-

Blair's style in interview ralies heavily on youth — an easy victory against a PM who still talks of dinghies, tapestries and telescopes — and integrity. It's unfair to say that he never commits himself to anything — yester-day's "we have no plans to raise taxes. If we do, before the election, we shall put it before the people honestly", was concrete by Kinnockian standards — but we do not yet have any sense of how he might fare when being hammered by interviewers on figures and plans.

At the moment, his television persona most resembles that of a sane, male Princess of Wales: shyly smiley, above the dirt, compassionate. He even spoke twice yesterday about "reaching out to people." His benign and forgiving grin when Major's Serpentine dinghy accusa-tion was read back to him was nicely judged. But there will be far tougher interrogations to come before the public is persuaded to drop the "Many people look at a class- Over on Sky News, Tony pilot or, as John Major would less society through the Blair was giving his first in put it, sink him.

> economic growth superior to those of most Western countries have been sus-tained despite — or because - of the fact that Western models of government and society have been repudiated. Though their circumstances and histories are vastly different, developments in Turkey and Malay-sia exemplify the same historical movement, in which non-occidental peoples are in-creasingly rejecting — as flawed, declining and destruc-tive of their traditions —

isation and development. This is a movement that is not restricted to Islamic cultures. The East Asian tiger economies attribute their extraordinary achievements to their resistance to Western individualism and economic world class archive and runs makes no profit but has man-

Western models of modern

laissez-faire.
The transformation of Singapore, within a generation, able support to regional cine-from a Third World country mas and new film-makers. But into one in which income it also has a reputation for aware of the BFTs activities, levels are often higher and exclusivity and in the past has but says they hardly impinge medical care for the average family is better than in First World countries such as New Zealand and Britain, has not occurred by its copying any Western exemplar. It is Singa-pore rather than any Western country which is cited by Chinese and Vietnamese eco-nomic reformers if they are pressed to point to a model for their societies, as they shake off the Westernising influence

of Markism. N THE Confucian as in the Islamic world there is a growing recogni-tion that the universal authority which West-ern societies have claimed for their institutions and values is based on nothing more substantial than the global power Western states exercised during their brief period of hegemony from the 16th century to the present. It is difficult to assess the impact on Western societies of the dawning realisation that the epoch in which they were governor and tutor to the entire world has come to an end. We can be sure, lably large, and accompanied by enormous disorientation and denial. The adjustment in the United States, where the conviction is unshakeable ments in Turkey are of a that all human beings are piece with Islamist resurgence in many other countries. The powerful political renaissance of Islam is a devastating blow to the theories of modernisation which concrete achievements of non-occidental peoples compel West-

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from Singapore, where he was preparing to deliver the sequel to his speech last week in Tokyo. It says something for the media slickness of Blair's operation that his team have managed to turn what are really stopovers on his return from a Christmas holiday in Australia — very



Ros Coward

France this Christmas took a new angle on the nativity. They celebrated the birth of cinema on December 28. 1895, confidently dating this from the Lumière brothers' first shows to paying audiences. In the UK, by con-trast, December 28 slipped by unnoticed. Here no definitive birthdate was agreed so we have protracted and imprecise celebrations. Television settled for the 1895 date, starting its tributes last year. Most chema events will be this year, the centenary of the first commercial showings in

Britain. might have welcomed a chance to raise the profile of cinema history and culture. Cinema is enjoying an ex-traordinary renaissance and annually there are 35,000 ap-plicants for media studies courses. Yet Britain remains a sorry place for cinephiles. Even in London, it's difficult to see old films and the ideal of a vibrant identifiable national cinema remains a dream.

Compared with other enthu-siasms, cinephiles might seem well served. They do have the British Film Institute, set up way back in the thirties to encourage cinema appreciation. Yet in spite of £17 million of public money each year this institution is remote from popular interest in cinema. Plans for the centenary are symptomatic. Last October when the French were steaming ahead with national cele brations, the BFI hosted a conference to establish Who Invented the Cinema? thus fo-cusing on who invented which bits of machinery rather than the spectacle of cinema.

Most of the BFT's centenary much wider appeal, especially the Cinema Day in June when all cinema seats will cost £1. But could these diffuse events become damp squibs?
The BFI has many impres-

tuous of ordinary film fans. Anyone who stumbled into one of the elitist and introspective seminars of that time is probably still recovering. Yet, with those days long gone, hostility sometimes per-sists because in other more important ways the Institute is still inward looking and

For many years my house-hold has belonged to the BFL Yet this has meant very little more than a ticket in the pocket. Being a member brings no special involvement with moving image culture. Communication is minimal. The whole institution is uninviting from the set-up of the reception area to the brusque responses to requests for in-formation. No wonder members don't think of using the library (involving another extra charge), or, if teaching in this area, don't consider calling on the BFI for resources. Even the National Film Theatre is far from jolly. Membership of other bodies

carries with it a sense of in-volvement, fostered by vivid corporate communications.
The RSPB, with more members than the Tory Party, provides bird lovers with a quar-terly magazine bristling with local and global campaign issues, and argues the political toss with its membership. pins this work

N CONTRAST, the BFI has a didactic profile. Recent appointments suggest it is trying to change. But there is a long way to go. No BFI member I've spoken to can remember being consulted about anything.

hold much of a brief for de-mocracy. Policies seem driven by personal preferences rather than a democratic as-sessment of the field of operation. This secretiveness has worsened with the Institute's move into television and film production. In doing the same job as the commercial sector, what ought to be a resource has become a competitor.

philes find themselves more at home in the now flourishing small multi-screen arthouse which are springing up as a result of a recent surge in cinema attendance. My local example, the Clapham Picture House in south London, offers among other attractions, a successful children's club. It the successful Museum of the Agement support as a way of Moving Image. It gives invalued educating the next generation

been rather more successful on his work. He neither asks in provoking outbursts from for nor receives information or help. He does not need the film-maker Alan Parker, than in mobilising mass people like him if it is going to enthusiasm.

BFI. But maybe it now needs people like him if it is going to have any relevance for cineenthusiasm.

Part of this dates from the seventies when film studies were fighting for academic respectability and the BFI sheltered academics contemp-

Islam's sweeping success in Turkey's recent elections is proof, says John Gray, that the West's grip on the world is loosening

If the fez fits

The radical Islamic party Refah took the largest number of seats in parliament, forcing the country's two rival centre-

right secular parties into talks aimed at denying Refah participation in government.

Whatever the outcome of these talks the election result marks a watershed for Turkey, a westward-leaning republic founded by Kemal Attaturk more than 70 years ago. The country seems set to enter a period of political instability in which the future of its Western, secular inheritance right secular parties into talks | with which Attaturk inaugu-

proaching resemble the one that is ending, in which the hold of Western power and values seemed to reach to the last corners of the Earth?

A portent of things to come in 1996 and beyond may be found in the results of the parliamentary elections held on Christmas Eve in Turkey. The radical Islamic party Refah took the largest number

Westernisation are one and the same, The Turkish example is one of many suggesting this Eurocentric belief is an illusion. The epoch we are entering towards the close of the century will not be one of universal Westernisation but rather the opposite — an epoch in which Western models are rejected throughout much of the world.

The belief that a modern state had to be a replica of a Mrs Tansu Ciller, who man-

HL the new century we macy, which rests on the bears approaching the truck created and proaching westernisation and proaching westernisation are one and proaching the resumble the resumbl

have guided the policies of Western powers since the second world war. According to these theories modernisation — the processes of urbanisation and industrial leation the mouth of the transfer of the colling to the second world we have of the magnitude of the magnitude of the mouth of the mouth of the transfer of the mouth of dustrialisation, the growth of cept is that we are not precurof the world. The belief that a modern state had to be a replica of a Western model was at the root of the radical reforms with which Attaturk inaugurated the Turkish republic in 1923. He abolished the Islamic caliphate, acrapped the Arabic Roman alphabet, hanned religious caliphate, and entire the root of the Roman alphabet, hanned religious caliphates and entire the root of the Roman alphabet, hanned religious caliphates and entire the root of the radical reforms with which Attaturk inaugurated the Turkish republic in 1923. He abolished the Islamic caliphate, acrapped the Arabic Roman alphabet, hanned religious caliphates and entire the root of the root of the root of the radical Islamic tages of a customs union with the argument that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem that this could stem the rise of radical Islamic that the rise of radical Islamic that this could stem that the same respect that

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This is, a prospect with unsetting implications for all those who expect the world in effect created training implications for all those who expect the world in situations and values. It undermines the basis of much

Roman alphabet, banned relimot success is not sufficient to oust the secular parties or to mount a real istic challenge to the Turkey is that the conflicts by which the world in the coming century will not be state, in which the most advanced forms of modern industry and technology bave long gone hand in hand with the most attained by the history of the United States, in which the most advanced forms of modern industry and technology bave long gone hand in hand with the westernised elites of the Ottoman empire. Like his ontemporary, Lenin, he perceived the indigenous traditions of his own country as expressions of backwardness, and saw progress in emulainstitutions and values. It undermines the basis of much

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Terence Cuneo

History in the detail

most popular artists of our times. Yet on another level he was a complete failure. If giving pleais an indication of artistic excellence, then Cuneo will have to be regarded among the greatest of 20th century

unrepresented in the Tate Gallery. Nor have most of those who establish reputations in the arts, or write the history of 20th century art, chosen to notice his work. Cuneo's existence was never acknowledged in the British Pavilion at the Venice Biennale, that at that time. hothouse of artistic prestige, and few critics have deigned to mention him. However the man who signed his paintings with a mouse, and often a cheeky one, did not need to

worry.

Paintings by Cuneo are to be found in the Royal Collection, in many army messes, in the possession of British Rail, in boardrooms, in London clubs and in a multitude of places, official and private,

■ ERENCE CUNEO, remembered. He is among who has died aged the royal family's favourite artists — witness the CVO he received in 1994 — but he is equally loved by railway buffs and car enthusiasts. His set of stamps commemorat-ing the 150th anniversary of the Great Western Railway is treasured, and he has been one of the most reproduced of 20th century British artists.

There can be no doubt that long after painters who today figure prominently in books on 20th century art are for-gotten, Cuneo's Tanks And How To Draw Them, published in 1942 with many il-lustrations, will be eagerly sought after. So too will the other work Cuneo was doing

Around the beginning of the second world war he was sent to France by the Illustrated London News. He later went on to do propaganda paintings for the Ministry of Information and the Foreign Office, and became one of the most successful of war

The young man who had been trained at the Chelsea Art School and Slade understood his own talents. He be-



War paint . . . Terence Cuneo with his painting of the Scots Guards attack at Tumbledown

trait painter — one of that | in 1965 will have to turn to | Cuneo's painting of the event belonging to the regiment. Equally, those who wish to recall what one of those little Italian railway engines that used to climb over 7,000 feet in under 40 miles from Mas-sawa, in Eritrea, looked like

driven one of them. ingly suggest the atmosphere of an event. This talent was No wonder he went on to become the most sought-after coupled with a sharp eye for detail and the ability to convey it so that recognition is instant. It is the key to Cupeo's abilities as an artist. From George VI at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, to the Queen at Lloyd's with the Duke of Edinburgh to lay the foundation stone of Lloyd's He was skilled at recording both events and objects. Historians who want to know how Lance Corporal Ramba-

countryside. can examine a painting by Cuneo. He knew, for he had

new building — such paint-ings are the stuff of history. it would, though, be wrong to think of Cuneo as simply a painter of official events, of

of the machinery of the 20th century. He loved horses and other animals and, from the Camargue to America, he painted them and the

He was an insatiable traveller. Among the places he went to in search of subjects were not just France, Italy an unfortunate diagnosis and the United States, but concerning the Admiral's also north and South Africa, spleen, he resigned his com-Ethiopia and the Far East. Indeed, the impression created by the largest of his many exhibitions, which was held at the Mall Galleries in 1988, was of an ever enquiring mind and eye. The key note of this exhibition, and of earlier one-man shows at the Sladmore Gallery, was

Relevant, too, is the fact that Cuneo had a very

was manifested in his paint

ings of mice in human guise, and in his portrait of Surgeon Commander Ebenezer Bibulous-Smith RN. He was a man who in Cuneo's own words "Served aboard Her Majesty's frigate Flounderer from 1880 to 1881 when, owing to

veterinary surgeon, ashore." The man was immediately recognisable. That was the point. Illustration is an important aspect of art and Cuneo was a splendid

Tarence Tenison Cuneo, artist, born November 1, 1907; Died

bawdy, wartime Rhymes of A PFC found no English publisher, I hawked them rund London without succes

Kirstein (obituary, Janu-ary 6) Dale Harris concluded that Kirstein would be best remembered as the champion of men greater than himself, yet I always thought of Lincoln as the greatest living American — the man who brought Balanchine to New York in 1933, and under whose guidance Balanchine and Siravinsky collaborated on Agon

Rirstein's grandfather came to America after the European revolutions of 1848, and Lincoin was born, almost 60 years later, in Rochester, New York. rater in all the arts (he tried drawing and even stained glass), Lincoln, while still at Harvard, as his obituary mentioned, founded the literary quarterly Hound & Horn (publishing Pound, Eliot and Katherine Anne Porter among others), and the Harvard Soci ety for Contemporary Art, the parent of the Museum of Modern Art. Having strong views on painting, Lincoln liter quarrelled with the directors of the museum over ther fidelity to Picasso throughout all his various neta-

I thought Lincoln an unreliable judge of painting His love for a smooth finish led him to scorn the late Inpres-sionists. But for sculpture he had a good eye. His hous was a hoard of marvellous bonzes

by Gaston Lachaise, samu Noguchi and Elie Nadelman. It was at the ill-fated thakespeare Exhibition, just efore if was closed in 1965 that Lincoln stood spellbound before Astrid Zydower's culpture The Young Shakeseare, and two groups in highrelief of The Death Of Anton and The Masque In The Temest.

Within a couple of rears Young Shakespeare (sated with his book and now dat in

his other Festival Theare at Stratford-on-the-Housabnic, while the two other goups were suspended on was to right and left of the ress circle. What the casting and transport must have costLin-coln I cannot imagine.

When Lincoln's slagy

Auden loved them and pey became famous.
Philip Johnson's beauful
New York State Theater bee on the south side of Linchn
Plaza; but it nearly had tobe pulled down again when Ai-anchine found the orchests pit too small.

At another wave of the Kil- John Tooley

Appreciation: Lincoln Kirstein

HIS piece on Lincoln | stein wand, summer theatres appeared at Saratoga Springs, and a handsome block to house students of the School of American Ballet joined the other buildings around Lincoln Center. Kirstein sold works of art to help pay for these buildings himsel

Fearful rows sometimes in terrupted our correspondence, which had begun in 1949, eight months before we met. Lincoln was the best letter writer who ever lived.

giant of a man, men-tally and physically. was one of those rare people with whom you were looking forward to your next encounter even before you had finished the present one. Such was the range of his knowledge, erudition, enthu-siam and observation of the

cultural and political scene. Naturally, the focus of our conversations was on ballet, the New York City Ballet and the Royal Ballet in particular. He would talk about many things and many people with insight, knowledge and wit, but not necessarily without prejudice. Visits to galleries and museums in his company

were treasured adventures. Encounters with Lincoln were not always plain sail-ing. During a period of reli-gious fervour he begged me to attend mass, with break-fast afterwards. He collected me early that morning from my New York hotel, dressed not in the usual Savile Row black serge suit, but in a white tee shirt, black trousers and sneakers. He drove me to the Pauline church with a degree of astonishing recklessness, crossing at least two sets on traffic lights at red. Mass was relatively calm. On leaving, we charged ou foot to the cafeteria of the adjoining univesity through pouring rain, Lincoln ignor-ing all puddles, with water splashing in every direction. Breakfast was conducted in silence. Suddenly, Lincoln

was gone.
This was typical of the man. He was a visionary and an instigator, impatient, in-tolerant, but always in pur-

cause, that wonderfully fer-tile mind never at rest.

Lincoln displayed a streak of genius. What influence he wielded on American cul-tural life! He was one of the most remarkable men whom I had the good fortune to

Harry McLevy

Staying on the

who has died aged 59, was Scottish organiser of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union. Apart from national service, he spent a lifetime in the engineering industry; as a shop steward, a convener, as Dundee district secretary and as a rank and file militant on the left of the often deeply-riven union.

Born in Dundee to a mother toiling in the textile mills and a father who was a shipyard plater's helper, McLevy served his apprenticeship as a fitter in Dundee and on the Clyde; the two key battle-grounds of his too short life. Although he left the Communist Party in the early eight-les and I myself signed him on in the Labour Party, McLevy was a lifelong com munist, of a particularly Scottish type - sufficiently broad church that at his interment hill Cemetery in Dundee there was an electrifying reading by a Church of Scotland minister from the Communist Manifesto; and from the grave McLevy himself seemed to warn the ruling classes of Europe to "tremble before the communist revolu-

Fidelity to the working class movement and to Marx-ism was the hallmark of his

ARRY McLEVY, | attended his funeral, many of them from the Communist Party-trained sixtles genera tion of shop stewards, but there were younger workers for whom Harry was a hero, and hard bitten journalists shedding a tear.

McLevy played a key role in the historic 1959 apprentices strike which spread like wild-fire from the Clyde and forced the engineering employers to hike the notoriously low wages of young apprentices. Many were schooled in that struggle, including McLevy's pal Jimmy Reid and his later adversary Sir Gavin Laird now a governor of the BBC and the Bank of England.

Some of McLevy's greatest days were spent in Dundee's Caledon shipyard. In one of his first elections — as was the engineering union's style. McLevy seemed to spend his life running in elections -Harry turned up at the yard on the big day to find that the Caledon Young Communist League had painted in huge lettering on the hull of a halfbuilt ship "For A Bevy ...

Vote McLevy". They did. McLevy was elected as convener of the yard where he quickly built a reputation a mass leader and an inspirational orator. When once the yard was threatened with closure McLevy told an outdoor audience of thoulife. Almost 1,000 people sands "It they want to close



Great Scot . . . Harry McLevy, faithful to the struggle

kind rare today, to whom historians will turn. It was

hardly surprising Cuneo was called upon to paint people like King Hussein of Jordan,

Edward Heath and Field Mar-shal Montgomery. He could always catch a likeness, and he had an eye for both char-acter and the nature of a role.

Even rarer, he could unerr-

hadur Limby, of the Tenth Princess Mary's Own Gurkha

During the seventies, at a time of intense class structile in Britain with capitalism ail-ing and strong militant trades unions. McLevy was in his element. A member of the union's battleground national committee he was always able to crystalise the complex issues through his great and well-read intelligence and find the stirring words which moved thousands of workers into strikes, days of action, demonstrations, even on ssues like Chile or the presence of unwelcome political

But he pever forgot that the first task of the trades unionist was the direct representation of members at work: and as his other pal from the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders. Jimmy Airlie, said in a fine oration at the funeral "When a worker had Harry McLevy on his case he always got more than his money's worth."

our yard they'll have to bring that McLevy died before final the Black Watch ... they'll achievement of a Scottish parhave to winkle us out one by liament which was, in many ways, the cause of his life. He saw long before it was in vogue the democratic and, yes, the nationalist case for home rule. As a member, and indeed to his great pride the president of the Scottish TUC. McLevy played a crucial role in shaping the new parlia-ment, proportionally elected, seeking a lifty-fifty gender balance, "a parliament of a new type" as he always called it. Although approaching retirement McLevy's vigour and drive made it indeed

> sought and won membership The first chairman of "Scotland United" - his ghost will be there in the timber when it comes. Farewell Harry McLevy, a working class hero. We'll be lucky if we look upon your likes again.

> likely that he might have

George Galloway

Harry McLevy, trade unionist, born August 28, 1936; died December 24, 1995

Yahya Ayyash

A war of the shadows

acolytes to their deaths alongside their victims. For many Palestinians, he was a hero outwitting Israeli intelligence and striking at the heart of the Zionist enemy, Ayyash has been linked with up to 11 suicide bombing missions, which took the lives of over 70 Israelis and foreign visitors,

and those of 13 bombers. That he could persuade so many young men to die is a measure of Ayyash's formidable personality, as well as his skills as a bomb-maker and mission planner. It also testi-fies to the black-hearted bitterness of the conflict between

Arab and Jew. In keeping with his dismal chosen calling, Ayyash was a shadowy figure. Even his age is in some doubt, variously reported as 29, 30 and 32. A native of Rafat in the Israeli occupied West Bank, Ayyash was the son of a farmer. The family was sufficiently well-todo to send him to Ramallah's Bir Zeit university, where he studied electrical engineering and is thought to have studied chemistry, two skills he put to

deadly use.

Ayyash did not come to the notice of the Israeli security forces until the dying months of the Intifada, the Palestinian uprising which erupted in late 1987. The first operation attributed to him was a van-bomb discovered in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan. It was defused. Over the coming months, say security sources, Ayyash was involved in a number of bomb attacks, and

AHYA Ayyash, who was professionally assassinated in the Gaza Strip, inspired the strongest of feelings. For Istraelis, he was a demon a mass murder came in April 1994, when a suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis required when a suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis required when the least one shooting. His first mass murder came in April 1994, when a suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a bus in Afula, an Israelis and professionally assassing the suicide car bus in Afula, and Israelis a and more than 40 wounded. That bombing set the grisly pattern. Five ruthless suicide attacks followed, and Ayyash was also linked, more dubi-ously, with a double suicide bombing near Natanya in early 1995, in which 22 Israe-

lis, mostly soldiers, died.
Since last summer, little
had been heard of "the Engineer", or indeed of the military wing of the Islamist movement he served with fer-your, Hamas. In the last weeks of 1995 Hamas promised Yasser Arafat's self-rule Palestinian authority it would launch no more military operations from the autonomous areas of the Gaza Strip and the

West Bank. his wife joined him.

Last Thursday, she bore a second son. The first, Bara', is four years old. A day later, Ayyash lifted a mobile cellular telephone to his ear. A tiny but deadly explosive charge was detonated. The Engineer, the region's most skilled and ruthless bomber, was killed instantly.

Yahya Ayyash, Hamas militant,

pay-roll until her death. Iso- ever even us.

By then, Ayyash had been living for several months in Gaza, moving between safe houses. Arafat had consistently denied that the bomber was living in Palestinian-controlled areas. In fact, he was able to resume a near-normal life, to the extent that

born (reportedly) March 22, 1966; died January 5, 1995

Chaplin's relationship with Lita Grey Chaplin (obituary, January 8) provided the sole occasion in the comedian's

career when he was unable to make a leading lady appear to be expert. There was Georgia Hale in The Gold Rush, Myrna Kennedy (The Circus), Virginia Cherrill (City Lights), Paulette Goddard in Modern Times and The Great Dictator, and of course Edna Purviance, his star in A Wom-an Of Paris and his earliest two-reelers. The Little Fellow retained Purviance on his

tirecting a play in the States hat "Charlie could make a tick act." She had played a sowy role in Monsieur Ver-cux and certainly in that anedy-drama his direction of he comic Martha Raye was materly, as was his handling of 1st natural actress Claire Blom in Limelight, Chaplin fails to make the stick that wasLita Grey Chaplin into any ort of actress at all. For the 1st, he was, as George Berned Shaw said, the only true anius the cinema has

film star told me when I was

Birthdays

Shirley Bassey, singer, 59; | Ulanov, former prima balle-David Bowie, rock musician and actor, 49; John Cabill, chairman, British Aerospace 66; Robin Ellis, actor, 54; Prof Stephen Hawking CH, FRS. mathematician, 54; Andrew Hunter, Conservative MP, 53; Howard Jones, governor, Belmarsh prison, 50; Air Commodore Joan Metcalfe, former director, Yvette Mimieux, actress, 57; Ron Moody, actor, 72 Hange Mori, fashion designer, 70; Bob Parry, Labour MP, 63; Ken Purchase, Labour MP, 57; Imelda Read, Labour MEP, 57; Prof Brian Reddaway, economist, 83; Charles Tomlinson, poet and professor of English, Bristol University, 69; Galina

rina, & Geoffrey Whalen, managin director and dep-uty chaman, Peugeot Talbot, 60; rof Alan Wilson, vice-charellor, University of

Death lotices

Jackdaw



Eco-voles

PEOPLE have been moving animals and plants about, by accident or by design, for at least the past 10,000 years . . . when Neolithic people first went to live on the islands of Orkney around 5,000 years ago, they took with them red deer, domestic animals and probably inadvertently, wild voles (Microtus arvalis), which rapidly became established and proliferated. It appears from the skeletal remains of pine martens in a neolithic tomb that these carnivores were also introduced at this time, and it is tempting to suggest that the martens were brought over from Scotland in an effort to reduce the numbers of voles ...

raised in Israel when it was thought that piranhas had been introduced into the Sea of Galilee. However, the fish have been found to be relatively harmless herbivores. Review of Christopher Lever's book, Naturalized Animals, Times Literary Supplement

Happy days

BILL MCKIBBEN, author of The End of Nature, calls for a different pursuit of happiness The market forces pushing convenience, individualism, and comfort are still stronger than the attraction of community, fellowship and connection with the natural world. What we call the environmental crisis is really a crisis of desire. We're losing the battle to offer people an alternative set of things to desire...Our task over the next 20 years is to demonstrate that to live simply is more elegant and pleasurable than consumer

society... If consumer society has an Achilles heel, it's not that it's

going to destroy the earth (although it is) . . . it's that it doesn't make us unbelievably Last summer an alarm was Mother Jones magazine looks at the last and next 20 years

Don't call us SWISS PTT issued a promotional card (without the white

It is particularly poignant

optical track)... This card was given to passengers on the morning flight to Geneva. I did not get one of these cards ... I did not see any other special cards for the exhibition itself, but Slovak telecom gave away their 1994 cata-

logue...MMT is a Russian telco using Umet cards . . . the cards on the stand were probably dummy cards. The poor English of the people on the stand and my poor Russian meant that detailed informa tion was hard to get. I will contact Moscow for more in-formation . . . I finally have some news from Indonesia. One of the biggest supermarkets has issued three cards with fruits on them. including the Durian, 100 units and the Grape, 100 units . . . A

been released in Pakistan, I do not think this card is a real issue, but is in fact an overprint. The reason I say this is that the control number can be seen under the surface of the paint ... I expect this will be on people's wants list. Meticulous reporting from beyond the valley of the onoraks — International Telephone Cards magazine

King sized

TRUE-BLUE Elvis fans know that "The King" would have been 61 years old [today]. But here are some facts that may surprise you: His natural hair colour wasn't black. It was a light blondish - but he dyed it to copy singer Roy Orbison, who had black hair. Elvis is from the Norwegian name "Alviss" which means "all wise"

 At one time, Elvis was the largest single taxpayer in the US...he reached the 91 per cent tax bracket! His shoe size was 11-D. But he wore size 12 combat boots when he was in the Army. Elvis' favourite reading

material: books on the spiritual and the occult. Whenever Elvis went on tour, he took more than 250-books packed in two trunks. When he died on Aug. 16, 1977, he was in his bathroom reading The Shroud of Turin. Elvis' last words were in response to his girlfriend Ginger Alden's warning not to fall asleep in the bathroom.

His reply: "OK. I won't. Nobody does this kind of thing better than the National Lone funman

HE IS a Loner — that pearl of great social price, whose scarcity and evasiveness doubles his market value. If you succeed in battling through the false trails of discontinued telephone numbers and the thickets of discouraging answeringmachine messages . . . then you are in for an exhilarating ride. The temperature rises when he comes through the door. The Loner is not boring. He may be mad, his appearance eccentric, but he is not married, mortgaged

and moribund. He brings the children wonderful presents and holds everyone spellbound with tales of freedom fighting in Burms of of gunrunning in Bolivia . . . before he has even drunk his coffee he will vanish unexplained. Apart from an illegible postcard from Greenland, that is the last that will be heard of him for the next five years. Loners do not arrive on time

or remember birthdays... Unaccustomed as they are to normal communication, they

National Enquiring mind

are unconfiding and untrusting, even when they manage to take a civil interest. Their domestic lives tend to be obsessive and faddish You are unlikely to be in-

vited into a Loner's dwelling, but if you are, you can be sure it will not be comfortable or welcoming . . . you will be confronted by a bedsit of stomach-churning nastiness last decorated during the Festival of Britain, illuminated by one bare lightbulb . . . ungraced by the standard amenities of bath or

Sounds like Paradise, dear; Rupert Christiansen in

Harpers & Queen Ordinary folk

THE WORLD as a whole. rather than just the richest bits of it, is now developing its first mass middle-class people who can afford to travel, to telephone around the world, to pick and choose from a global culture and to get a westernised ducation. These are the people who are most likely to learn, and accept, the "different-but-

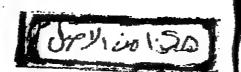
equal" model homosexuality that has core to the fore in the West; ar they have money to explie life choices that few subsistance cultures can allow. Befor long a society that develor a largeish and reasonably ell-off middle class careasily

'afford" homosquals. In effect what (cDonald's has done for foound Disney has done for entetainment, the global emergice of ordinary gayness is ding for sexual culture. Oe might fairly wonder wh her such homogenisation ientirely to the good. Authrpologists studying tradition models of sex and gender hd better work quickly. The Economist's fignalat rationale for the newpenness about the "very ording world-wide minority of

homosexuals E-mail jackdaw@gutdian-.co.uk.; fax 0171-713 46, write Jackdow, The Guardin, 219 Farringdon Road, Lolon

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Highly trained workforce is worthy ideal but does not provide complete answer to the demand for growth

Educated guesses are wide of mark



Will Hutton

educated the workforce, the better the performance of the economy and the more just

Although such protestations are self-evidently true, they fall short of providing a robust guide to just how much a government can rely on education and training to deliver the growth process. A well-educated and trained workforce may be a necessary condition for growth, but plainly it is not sufficient. So what else has to be done?
With the Labour Party

making education and train-ing one of its bedrock policy areas, the whole question is jumping up the league table of economic and political salience. Here is one area of policy where the Labour leader talks — as he did in Tokyo last week and in Singapore today — confidently and crusadingly.

In a world in which the barriers that inhibit firms and capital from moving across national borders are falling, Tony Blair argued, the only way for a necessarily less mobile workforce to empower itself is to offer ever more creativity and productivity - and that means more education and training. Britain. he declared, had to be the knowledge capital of Europe.

This is a noble and just cause. Even if there were few tion and training are public goods in their own right and Britain has for too long not given them priority. But there is a danger in going over the top; in so elevating education and training's eco-nomic importance that they are given the status of a growth theory in their own right. The politics of this are obvious; the economics much

less so. Labour politicians can say something which is economically and morally right, and which sits more easily with centre-left values than those of new-right Conservatives. More importantly, education and training offer no disturbing challenge to any of capi-tal's cherished freedoms; indeed, by raising productivity they offer business higher

Dear Incre

But what about the economics? Again, while there is no disputing the value of education and training, recent research is sobering about how much they can achieve by themselves. The necessary expenditure to close income inequality, raise skill levels and lower unemployment is vast; the pay-offs are slow, surance contributions are an sometimes it increased unem- spending is involved are ing programme. He quotes the talism has and unless education and excellent way of raising reve- ployment by raising workers' mind-boggling. James Heck- Mckinsey Global Institute as thing else.

training are embedded in a wider array of policies, no-tably raising levels of investment and expectations of future demand, the results are likely to be variable at best — disappointing at

The international evidence on training is particularly disappointing. And even quality education, as the Japanese have just proved, cannot save an economy from the conse-quence of external shocks like DUCATION and training are like an overvalued yen. Indeed, five years of currency overvalued of the critical and delivered by those better trained and atted the workforce, the test, have rendered a generation of high-quality Japanese tion of high-quality Japanese education powerless.
Worse, if globalisation is

understood so to minimise a country's macro-economic options that if cannot organise an expansionary monetary and fiscal policy, then one of the paradoxes is that education and training spending will have lower returns, not

higher. Nobody argues that growing unemployment and rising income inequality are not caused by low skills; the issue is by how much. The emerging consensus is that educa-tional and training shortfalls explain about 20 per cent of the problem.

ICHARD Freeman one American study (Working Under Dif-ferent Rules, Russell Sage, 1994) that between 7 and 25 per cent of rising inequality is due to inadequate skills; while Steve Nickell and Brian Bell (Oxford Review of Eco-nomic Policy, Vol 11, No 1) found that in Britain the decline in real demand for un-skilled workers contributed up to 20 per cent of the longrun increase in unemployment between the 1960s and 1980s. These are important figures — but the other 80 per-cent of the story needs to be

addressed as well.

Another difficulty is that the consensus policy responses do not work very well. International studies show that job creation schemes, whether in the form of job subsidies or reductions in or no long-run effect — largely because any new jobs tend to displace old ones. And reducing social overheads, which ministers endlessly intone as the sole means to lower unemployment, have little or no impact, either. In Demmark, where employers pay no social security contri-butions, Nickell and Bell say that unemployment is around the EU average. This conforms with what el-

ementary economic theory would predict. If employers are relieved of psying social security contributions, in the long run they pay workers that part of the real product wage that used to go in social security contributions as extra wages. In other words, workers' wages rise as the social security 'wedge' is reduced — and the long-run employment-boosting impact is nil. Employers' national insurance contributions are an example to the surance contributions are surance contributions.

with no long-run unemploy-ment effects — and govern-ment policy has been completely wrong in this area as in so many, shrivelling the tax base for no long-run em-

Training, they say, is not the saviour of the European unemployment problem.

The assessment from the

US is equally sobering. Pro-fessor Barry Bluestone of the University of Massachusetts ployment gains.
Training; at least, offers University of Massachusetts more certain returns — but reports (American Prospect,

Competition

Only one week left to enter your economic forecasts for 1996. Predictions for GDP growth and underlying inflation this year, the seasonally adjusted claimant count of unemployment for December 1996, house prices -- based on annual growth in the Halifax index — and how much the Chancellor cuts the standard rate of income tax, on a postcard to: The Guardian Economics Desk, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC 1R 3ER. A magnum of Champagne for the witmer!

dinger analyse the impact of schemes in lowering unem-ployment the results were

only marginally. In the above- | Winter 1995) that most US mentioned Oxford Review, training schemes launched Lars Calmfors and Per Ske-since the 1960s have shown dubious returns, and even Sweden's training programmes, and while they do better than job creation ings and employment are small.

As for using education to "very unstable". Sometimes solve the problem, US esti-training hit the jackpot; but mates on how much potential

cago says that to improve the educational attainment of the bottom half of the US popula-tion to take income inequality back to 1979 levels would cost \$2 trillion. In British terms that is equivalent to spending pround \$250 billion!

The larger point is that the industrialised world is suffer. Blair is beginning to recoging from a multitude of nise this. In his Singapore shocks to which education and training can only offer a partial response. In the US, Freeman and Katz identify deindustrialisation, de-unionisation, low-cost competition, immigration and the US trade 80 per cent of rising unemployment and inequality. Prof
Bluestone responds by saying
that stronger trade unions,
redistributive taxation and
active trade and industrial policies are part of a balanced policy response along with education and training — and all within a programme sim-ing to raise demand and in-

vestment levels. In any case, as JR Shackleton argues in an iconoclastic report on training for the Employment Policy Institute, there remain vast question marks about what skills should be offered in any train-

mue and lowering real wages | wage expectations above | man of the University of Chi- | demonstrating in a survey of with no long-run unemploy- | what employers could pay! | cago says that to improve the | nine countries that the cruity is not skills but manage-rial capacity and strategy. Well-organised, long-termist firms are the keys to eco-nomic success; not training in

> speech he touched on the question with more convic-tion than he has since he became leader, talking of build-ing a stakeholder economy where companies with reformed legal and managerial structures could generate more trust, long-termism and creativity between managers and workers. The beginnings of a rounded approach are discernible — but it will mean a tougher line on the City and corporate governance than New Labour has so far seemed ready for.

if Labour is to succeed in government it will need to build up these ideas even more Education and training cannot stand alone, but to say and do more means moving beyond the policies of apple pie and motherhood — and challenging the interests of the powerful Reforming capitalism has never implied anything else.

Water firms need mutual principle

Debate

Gerald Holtham

REAT companies rise and fall. The mastodons of a hundred years back, railway and steamship companies are noticed by the state of the st panies, are now either de-ceased or transformed beyond recognition. Corporate struc-tures change too. In our own time, those pillars of financial services, the building societies, are slowly passing from the scene. Or at least the mutual, or co-operative, principle, which underlay the societies, is being put to death in

In finance, there are still 81 institutions organised on the mutual principle, but they are generally losing out to the hundreds of banks and insurance companies registered in London, which are organised as plcs. Two large building societies have converted to plc status and more will un-

doubtedly go the same way. The difference is in the capital structure. In a plc, share holders put up equity capital and "own" the company. More equity capital can be ob-tained by rights issues. In a mutual, the users of the company's services become "members" and acquire vot-ing rights to the board of the company. The savers in a building society, for example, provide its capital, and they

all get one vote.
In contrast to the last cantury, when the mutual societiss began, personal relation-ships count for little today, and people would increas-ingly rather have a higher interest rate on their savines (or a lower one on their loan) than have a vote. The plc banks' advantages in obtain-ing capital give them a competitive edge and the customers are voting with their feet.

But that does not mean the mutual principle is, or should be, dead in general. It sprang up originally where people could not get access to a com-petitive market for financial services, because information that financial markets are very competitive and the information revolution continues to reduce costs, there is no need for mutuals there.

N OTHER sectors, however, customer citizens are still denied access to competitive markets, no-tably in utilities, such as

make money for directors and shareholders, incidentally providing a service. That is

the wrong way round. Where technical change is opening up the possibility of genuinely competitive markets, as in telecommunications, it may not matter too much. With decent regulation everything might come out in the wash.

But where a natural monopoly will persist, we need to align the incentives of the directors of those companies with what we and the con-sumers want them to be.

Any manager of a mutual will tell you that he does not have to worry only about the people who provide the capi-tal, the shareholders. He has the financial sector.

That is inevitable. Mutuality still has great work to do but its contemporary calling is elsewhere.

The manufacture of the customers or "members" too. Indeed, they may be the same people. The same two-handed approach should be used in the water industry. When the water company

hooks you up or installs a meter, you should become a "member" with a voting right to the board. After all, you are far more securely locked into that company than any shareholder, who can sell his hold-ing on a whim. To be free, he just calls his broker ... you have to dig a well.

board of a utility elected by members, managers would have every incentive to study customers' interests. Cash flow would be chan-belied to reduce prices or make investments to improve water supply, not to capri-cious diversifications.

Nonetheless, the meaning of a share would change. It would command a vote, but shareholders as a group would no longer control the board. They would become just one of two important sets of stakeholders. Shares could be bought and sold without altering corporate control. As long as the members were happy, the board would be safe from hostile takeover.

Water is an absolute neces sity supplied under condi-tions of absolute monopoly. Nothing could be more free of risk. That is what makes mega-profits from water so outrageously unjustified. The appropriate way to finance inwas lacking to support mu-tual confidence between issuing long-term bonds. All water companies are under-geared. Mutual companies would prefer debt to expensive equity.

The beauty of this structure is that the country could dispense with much of the apparatus of industry regulation.
Some may object that it is too late. What about water companies that have bought up other companies and

The abiding flaw in privatisation was that it put the cart before the horse. What do we want from a public utility? That it provide the best possible service to customers, in an equitable way, making the service to customers, in the content of th efficient use as possible of something novel and popular. inputs of labour and capital.

But we have created compathe Institute for Public Policy

Christmas spirit for all seasons

Dan Atkinson

WHAT joy this Yule-tide has given those of us who get plea-sure from listening to busi-

sure from listening to businessmen whine about how "the country goes to sleep for a fortnight".

Consequently, they say, "it is impossible to do business in the UK" during this intolerable period of sloth.

For once, this was true—and we were all the better for it. A freeze on business activity meant a freeze on activity meant a freeze on takeovers, mergers, sackings and other forms of worthless (indeed, worse than worthless) "enter-

prise". But today is Plough Monday and the monster is reawakening. It is time to consider radical measures to extend the benefits of the

shutdown. A good start would be to decree similar two-week holidays at Easter, Mid-

one of their own festivals for adoption nationally. The winner, of course, would be that offering the largest number of days off. | season.

Worm's eye To prevent financial interest dodging these restrictions, the shutdown periods would have to be enforced much more strictly than current bank holidays.

Any business deals struck during these breaks would be void, as would any deal that could be shown to have been originated during the closed periods. All use of employed labour other than by the 999 services and for national defence would be prohibited.

In this way, perhaps one quarter of the year will be reclaimed from "business"
— much as slagheaps and reclaimed for the landscape. Imagine: three whole "downsizings", pointless takeovers, "exercisable" share options, rail privati-sations and the rest of the scummy "enterprise cul-

ture". In the spirit of goodwill, however, it is necessary to throw big business just a little something.

So here is the olive branch: New Year's Day. summer and Boufire. This | Inaugurated by the Heath would do wonders for government to "celebrate" would do wonders to bational morale, because one would never be too far from a period during which it would be "impossible to do business".

government of the European Community, January I is a bank holiday the English and Welsh can do without (the Scots will have do business".

Then each of the various to surrender January 2). minority communities Hungover, unhealthy, bo-would be invited to tender gus, artificially jolly — a gus, artificially jolly — a perfect Euro-holiday, in

> Take it, with the compliments of the season. Any

Wealth cascading down the drain Tourist rates - bank sells

Commentary

Chris Benjamin

ITH mutterings that the business cycle has peaked, we'll soon be back in Bette Davis economics: "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night". Groping in the dark jargon such as "levelling off", "soft landings" and "bottom-ing out" has become all too familiar, but of all the soundbites inflicted on us, the prize must go to "wealth cascading

down the generations".

Allusions to water in Britannaly for decades.

Today many famous ain demand a Biblical self-as-

gravity: of "trickle-down" while some water companies have plumbed the apogee of inversely related to the water coming out of the taps.

At least we now have a where for the link between invivid demonstration that purdustry and wealth that guides suing "shareholder value" and linked boardroom incentives need have no relation to failure has been the collapse actual performance for cussions of productive power, reflected nearest to a steady cascade tomers. British industry has been foundering on this mid-life managers downsized chris Benjamin was under-

But sloshing bucketfuls of wealth around? Most people are still suffering the negative ity with couch shells.

By any measure of what is passed on to future generations, the nation's wealth has Britain's brand of capitalism, sunk — any cascade is now a where executive rewards are trickle. With the cushiest rewards for economists in the City, we need to look elsemore successful nations.
Our most serious national

surance in levitation — little cascading anywhere except through leaks.

The origins of politicians The origins of politicians' ideas for running a country have always been a mystery. "Cascading" has a distinctly Freudian ring but other sea sonal suggestions have been pantomines and children's games. For realism, another set of pieces is needed - various sizes of stirrup-pumps, representing lawyers, accountants, hanks, brokers, investment funds etc. And each deal requires a fee to some of these. Whoever wins or loses, the stirrup-pumps go on. The nearest to a steady cascade

anomaly for decades.

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Heineken European Cup final: Cardiff 18, Toulouse 21 (after extra time)

Toulouse find a silver lining

Robert Armstrong at Carriff Arms Park

PENALTY in the last earned the French champions Toulouse the inaugural Heineken Euro-pean Cup and a handsome win bonus of £1,200 a man from their grateful club committee. Thomas Castaignede, at 20 the rising star of French rugby, paved the way for a de-served triumph with a try, a drop goal and a vital pass for a touchdown by Jerome

Tom Kiernan, the former Ireland full-back, presented the seven-kilo silver trophy to the winners. The Welsh champions will be concerned less about passing up the £1,000 each on offer for a win than by their failure to cross the French line in 113 min-utes of pulsating football. Their points came from six penalties by the fly-half Adrian Davies, who had only limited opportunities to galvanise his three-quarter line. However, the intense compet-ltive quality of the final offered a fitting climax to a competition that is destined to dominate club rugby in Europe within a season or

No doubt the English and the Scots who will enter the event under a revised format next autumn were envious of the live television exposure their Weish neighbours received from the semi-final stage. Cardiff have certainly won new admirers outside

the principality.

Fears that the final might the heavy rainfall over the weekend were quickly dis-pelled by the French backs, who relished the billiard table surface the Arms Park groundstaff had prepared The men of Toulouse, some of whom will be in the France team against England next week, demonstrated a remarkable ability suddenly space and punish errors with

a lightning counter-attack. Emile Ntamak, the Toulouse captain, welcomed the opportunity his club will have to defend their title in a genuinely pan-European com-petition next season. "We have won our domestic cham-

pionship twice in a row so it was more important for us this season to enter Europe and win this event for the first time. We have now made certain by winning that we'll be in the European Cup next

It says much for the classic skills of Toulouse that the return of Jonathan Davies, who replaced the centre Mark Ring at half-time, was overshadowed by the shrewdly judged performances of Dey-laud, Castaignède and the rangy full-back Ougier.

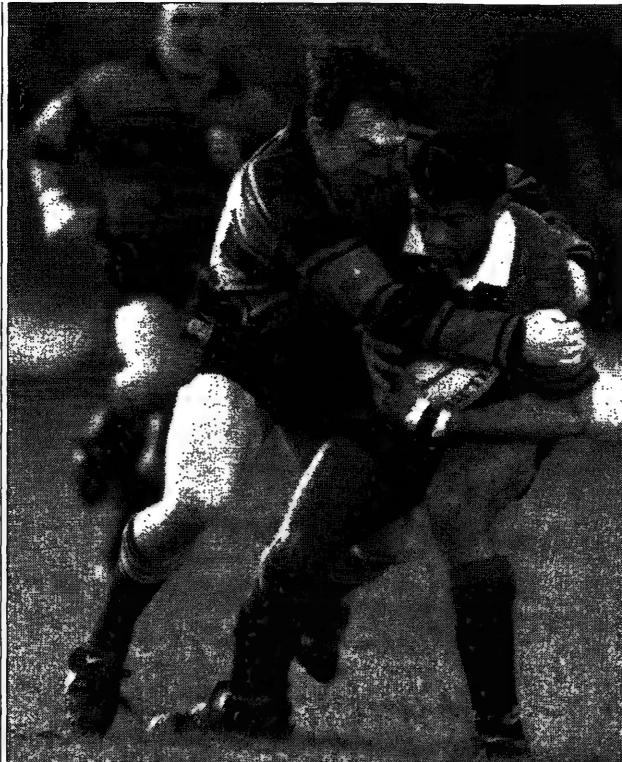
The Cardiff pack, though, had plenty to be proud of maintaining discipline and momentum in face of the traditional French forward blend of the good, the bad and

Owain Williams, the open-side flanker, must have set some kind of record in terms of yardage gained with his storming drives down the flanks, and at one stage he even brought relief to his embattled defence with a clearing kick of 40 metres.

However, Cardiff were not able to respond in kind to Toulouse's opening blast of 12 points in nine minutes which forced the Welsh side to play catch-up football for much of the afternoon. Ougier's splenminute try for Castaignède in the left corner, and three minsprinted down the left touch-line and timed his short pass perfectly for Cazalbou to

Castaignède's 30-metre drop goal after 56 minutes in-creased the French lead to 15-9 after Davies had kicked required two more penalties by Davies to carry this nail-Davies levelled again at 18-18 after Deylaud had landed a short penalty, but Cardiff had no further answer when Deylaud hammered the last neil in their European coffin with seconds remaining.

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Gripping stuff . . . Simon Hili stops the Toulouse captain Rmile Ntamak in his tracks yesterday

Courage League One: Bath 14, Leicester 15

Tigers back in hunt as Richards drains Bath

Robert Armstrong

EAN RICHARDS may have been omitted for next week's Five opener against France but it is doubtful whether the England manager Jack Rowell will be able to ignore the Leicester No. 8 for the remainder of the

Another towering performance by Richards belped the Tigers secure only their second win at the Rec in 16 years and relaunch their title defence. It also underlined the big policeman's claim to a 46th England cap.

He was not the only mover and shaker in a formidable Leicester pack — Johnson and Rowntree also left their distinctive imprint — but he served as the fulcrum for the opening salvo of eight points which included a marvellous first-minute try by Adebayo. The glutinous surface and monsoon-like rainfall after

half-time were manna from heaven for Richards, whose tactical sense and mauling skills tied Bath in knots. He was even denied a perfectly legitimate try near the end on the false ground that a forward pass had been made. Leicester's director of

good England trying to play get out of second gear.
champagne rugby in Paris; "Despite our scintithe object is to win and to do start Leicester didn't that they need someone like Richards, or for that matter Redman, to tie things together and maintain conti-

Bath finished the game in have lost their balance in the confusion after threatening to back row and Richards's pres-blow away Leicester after an ence would restore that If he defence in the league and on feet and fists under control no is not there England will

At the Rec it was Bath who struggled to impose their ex-pansive game plan on the champions as their early lead was chipped away and over-taken within half an hour. Ubogu made a few rhino-like charges through the midfield, Robinson burrowed fruitlessly to provide early bail and the captain De Glanville rugby Tony Russ placed Rich-ards's unique ability in its proper perspective. "It's no Bath, though, were unable to

"Despite our scintiliating start Leicester didn't let us play any rugby." acknowl-edged Bath's director of rugby John Hall. "We should be served as the fulcrum for the together and maintain contites. He was the main reason nuity of possession. England adapt to the conditions, card, which in fact was shown

the day they deserved to

It was bizarre to hear Hall take his own players to task for being naive, a criticism that none of their rivals have levelled at a Bath side who have pushed the offside law to its limits and beyond. Proba bly the crucial difference between the sides was Leices ter's greater hunger, particu larly among the forwards, who unsettled Bath at the set pieces and finished signifi-

cantly the stronger. Bath never came to terms with Johnson in the line-out even though it was obvious that the England lock was the prime target of Cockerill's throw-ins. In a volatile first half Johnson came perilously

Bath forward could match

The Bath props Crompton and Ubogu were pressured in the scrums, much to the annoyance of Dawe, whose booking and all-round guile were huge assets. This season Bath have tended to use scrums simply as a means of restarting play, often with spectacular results, but this time the Tigers proved that their rivals will neglect this aspect of play at their peril. I wice Bath were forced to

The turning point of a close encounter came after 28 min-utes when the referee Brian Campsall penalised Bath's front row for foul play in front of the posts and the Leicester full-back Liley kicked the third of his five

penalty goals. That score gave the Tigers a 9-8 lead which they never relinquished; twice Leicester led by four points but each time Callard whittled the deficit back to one point with a long-range

As Russ pointed out, Leicester allowed Callard only two kicks awed canart only two kicks at goal after half-time in a game that became "almost like a boxing match, eyeball to eyeball". Leicester deserved to win by a bigger margin but they achieved their immediate object: the title race remains wide open. SCORERS: Both: Try: Adobayo

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Gloucester 17, West Hartlepool 16

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Chris Hewett

T WAS cruel, horribly cruel. Having done every-thing in his considerable power to win a flerce and ex-citing relegation scrap for West Hartlepool, Tim Stimp-son single-handedly lost it by sions in the dying seconds. The arch-barrackers in the

Kingsholm Shed roared their approval as the gifted full-back tried to kick the living daylights out of the ball from no more than 15 metres and hooked grotesquely wide.

Even the most myopic Gloucester die-hard must have felt some sympathy as Stimpson stared disbelievingly into space.

His own injury-time try -- a thrilling gallop down the left after Parker had split the home defence — had brought West to within a point and had he completed the formalities, there could have been few complaints from the Cherry and White clan.

Badly outgunned at scrum and ruck, West compensated by running the most inventive angles at every opportunity. Stimpson, looking every inch an international in waiting, and his busy scrum-half henchman Cook were in- | Her

spired throughout. "At least we gave the spectators some-thing to watch," Stimpson

said with a rueful smile. "We can be proud of the fact that we played all the rugby; we deserved to win and the fact that we didn't is completely down to me. What happened with the kick? I wish I knew."

Whereas West, with no points from 10 league outings. have one foot in League Two already, Gloucester now have a lifeline. But survival still looks a long shot, especially now that their most depend able goalkicker, Smith, is on crutches after damaging knee ligaments during a rousing second half.

A point ahead at 12-11 West had scored the only try through their prop Shelley -Cloucester finally saw day light when Caskie squirmed through a hole in midfield and sent Beim over in the right corner.

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Saracens 20, Wasps 24

Stimpson misfire stalls West Saracens' birth pains

REGG BOTTERMAN. Saracens' hooker, pulled out of the match when his wife went into labour during the morning. His club, too. are expectant. Today a major signing will be unveiled at a London restaurant. Whether it is Phi-lippe Selia or Michael Lynagh or neither — Saracens were not saying. Perhaps it will be twins. But the result here and that at Kingsholm make Saracens' visit to Gloucester on the last league tially crucial if the new faces are not to play in League Two

next vear. Responsible for all this expectation is Nigel Wray, the 22 million worth of shares and underwritten a further £500,000 rights issue to the club's 1,300 members. The City businessman confirmed that Lynagh and Sella had been approached and he added that Saracens would

also be on the move. Their little council-owned ground in Southgate has helped thwart their ambitions in recent years. Moves to Potters Bar, nearby Trent Park and even Harpenden have been mooted. Now Wray is de termined to turn words into

"This is a nice, friendly ground but clearly if we have ambitions of playing lp Europe under lights we can't stay here. We have planning permission to develop but the problems connected to that are enormous.

"We hope to sign one or two exceptional players who will then act as a magnet for other players. We're not looking to buy a host of new people because we have a good squad here already. And I don't want to be seen as some sort of proprietor. It's not my club

but the members'. **England drop Hopley and Rodber**

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money has already helped Saracens award three-year contracts to two of their main assets, the back-row forwards Richard Hill and Tony Diprose. Hill's damaged shoulder in the final minute looks serious and could be just as relevant to Saracens' fortunes this season as any glamour

signing today.

And the match? Saracens had fancied their chances in the north London derby but their pack lacked control in the muddy conditions and perhaps investment should be made in a forward who can

But if Andy Lee had not fluffed the simple conversion of Andy Tunningley's try 15 minutes after half-time and a kickable penalty 10 minutes later, they still might have secured a gilt-edged win. Wasps' three first-half tries keep them on course for a possible place in Europe next season.

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Bentley back in the fold

that the former England rugby union wing John Bentley is returning from rugby league's Halifax to play for them next season. Bentley, 29, who played for England in the recent rugby league World Cup, will turn out for Rotherham after playing for Halifax in this summer's inau-

ing Five Nations game in Dublin only 12 days away, are in disarray. Their side in the guise of an A team. lost 29-17 to Italy in Rieti. with Rowen Shepherd succeeding with only three out of 10 kicks at goal, and to compound their gloom their flanker Stuart Reid injured an Achilles tendon and is doubtful for the

game against Ireland. Ireland themselves made heavy weather of beating the United States 25-18 in driving rain in Atlanta, with the Americans outscoring the visitors 2-1 on tries. Nevertheless Ireland's

coach Murray Kidd was upbeat. "This was a very good workout. I would like to have won by a bigger margin, but a victory of this type is in some ways better than if we had hit them for 30 points or more," he said. | scored 24 while holding Steve | game.

THE ambitious Courage League Three club Rotherham confirmed yesterday

gural Super League season. Scotland, with their open-

a former room-mate turned the 7-Up Trophy final against the London Towers at the Garrett, a 6ft 7in power forward with extensive Euro-

pean experience, was looking for a team in England after his girlfriend took up a post in London. Irish, who took over as Worthing playercoach this season, was looking for a big man to help take some of the burden off the 40year-old Alan Cunningham. The fact that the two men had shared a room at the Wash-ington Bullets' rookie camp in 1984 helped convince them that they could be reunited to their mutual benefit.

Worthing can beat the Towers without Garrett, as they proved on Saturday, when they survived an awk-ward last quarter to win 93-88. Irish led all scorers with 31 points, Steve Nelson

Regal Trophy semi-final

Wigan 38, Leeds 18

Rugby League

Connolly too good to catch

NGLAND got to the final of the World Cup without any assistance from Gary Connolly, though he even-tually came in to play as well as a man could against Australia though still not fully recovered from pneumonia. How England could have done then with the Connolly of this match, a full-back with a defence as secure as an oak door and yet with an attacking flair that can relegate even Mar-

tin Offiah to the shadows. Connolly's second try on Saturday, scored in the 64th minute at Central Park, was rated by the Wigan coach Graeme West as probably the best he has seen this season. It certainly summed up the im-possible problems Wigan set for their opponents.

Leeds, 32-6 down at the time but showing signs of recovery, were on the attack through George Mann. But his little chip over the top was collected by Rob Smyth, who turned a short pass inside to Con-nolly — still at that point in his own 20-metre zone.

An initial burst carried him effortlessly to the halfway line; a second surge took him irresistibly past the opposing full-back, the 20-year-old Graham Holroyd, and on to the posts.

Leeds must have won-dered what sort of life is in an attacking position; the next, they had conceded six points. As Garry Schofield, the Leeds captain, had observed before the game, igan have match-winners in all parts of the park.

lowed, all of them, astonishingly, to Leeds. They arrived too late, of course, and were largely irrelevant but they did suggest that the side are now giving the maximum effort demanded by the coach Dean Bell.

Leeds did not play at all badly but they paid a crip-pling price for the mistakes that brought Wigan their opening two tries, through Hall and Paul.

They suffered another blow when Schofield was sin-binned for interference at a ruck, and at 20-0 down were out of contention. But the introduction of Howard and of Shaw, surely one of the quickest hookers the game has seen, corrected some of the imbalances. At east Leeds could take consolation from the 18 points they scored after half-time they scored after nan-time through tries from Harmon, Morley and Mann (2).
But this was an ominously good Wigan performance, especially in the first half when the game

was won and lost. It was typical of Wigan that they would turn a defeat to their advantage.
They have not looked back since. Certainly one man has not: Scott Quinnell is in his most impressive form since leaving Welsh rugby union 16 months ago. St Hel-

best to resist him in the final at Huddersfield's McAlpine

ens will need to be at their

Championship: St Helens 54, Warrington 14

Better and worse for buckled Wire

HE start for Clive Grif-fiths, Warrington's new downs by Matautia, who damispicious than the and for Brian Johnson, who resigned on Friday; in fact in some respects it was worse, writes Paul Fuzpatrick.

Warrington had suffered a club-record defeat here against Saints on Thursday but they did maintain their discipline in the face of an 80-0 humiliation. Yesterday they lost heavily and had two men sent off and two sin-

binned. Salesi Finau, one of two Tongans signed last month, leparted late in the first half for a high tackle on Hayes. It was not the worst one in history but he had already been Warned twice so Mr Campbell had little option. Ford and Knott went to the sin-bin and, near the hour, Penny was dismissed for a surreptitious

punch in the tackle.

Yet it had taken Wire only three minutes to achieve what they had failed to do in 80 in the Regal Trophy. Harris scored when he slipped his marker to complete a good move that had started with a fine catch under pressure by Mafi deep in his own half

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Goulding had another influential match and went off to a rapturous ovation in the 66th minute. By then the scrum-half had kicked eight goals from nine attempts and inevitably had prompted many of Saints' better moves. In this Wigan real problems in Satur-

day's big match.
Wire briefly threatened to rally after half-time when Harris scored his second try. But Hayes, from Goulding's beautifully judged kick, then got his second try — and after Penny's dismissal the 11 Wire men had no answer as further touchdowns came through Hammond, Arnold and Cunningham, with Capewell's three goals taking Saints pest the half-century.

These are troubled times," said Griffiths succinctly. St Melene: Amold; Hayes, Northly Gibbs, Haigh: Hammond, Goulding (Waring, 88min); Poreini Cunhingham, Pickavance (Mathepon, 5: Capewell 63), Booth, Malauta (O'Loughin 18), Vevers

ham contributed 15 points, 15

rebounds and five blocked

shots.
"Steve hit a couple of huge

shots," said Irish. "Alan's un-believable." And the player-

coach himself? "I did all

right"
The league-leading Towers

profited little from the

league's best backcourt and

Warringtonz Penny, Forstor Finau, Currier, Mali: Harris, Ford; Jones (Barrow, 56). Hough (Thursheld, 31), Hilbon, Gullen (Bernelt 74). Knott, Shellord half-time Saints were 28-4 up

Basketball

Irish finds room for Garrett as Bears hunt a double

COLIN IRISH was doing fine as player-coach of the Worthing Bears, even before up to give him a hand. Tim Garrett will not be eligible for NEC next Saturday, but he could add all the fizz the Bears need for a Budweiser

less from their height advantage inside. Tony Windless (29 points) and Andy Gardiner (18) led their offence. The Chester Jets have also found themselves a big new

American and he made a major contribution to their best weekend of the season. With Billy Singleton providing the inside presence they lost when Dave Gardner de-camped to Manchester, Chester snapped a run of 13 successive defeats by twice coming back from 10 points down to beat the Birmingham Bullets 104-100 in overtime on Friday and the Leicester Riders 87-75 on Saturday.

Singleton scored 22 points on Saturday to add to the 31 he scored against his former club on Friday. And Wayman Boone, the league's leading scorer, further raised his average with 36 points in each

RADITIONAL cricket

but, as England climbed out of their whites and into their jim-jams for more than two months of

one-day games, the most enduring traditions go on.

In other words England, faced with a knockabout game in which defeat would only make them look stupid, went straight down the most went straight down the road

The job done last year by the Australian Cricket Academy was completed by West-ern Province, without all their major players, who won by three wickets the floodlit match hastily arranged on what should have been the last day of the Test match. The result was received

phlegmatically by the England tour manager Raymond Illingworth, who muttered phrases like "not unhappy", "useful workout" and "the lads played well". This was match with an over to spare.

England were also fielding was Darren Gough, who greeted noisily by a near full what was virtually their bowled 10 fairly lively overs. house at Newlands. Though,

Australia by 14 runs in a limited-overs World Series

West Indies ended Aus-

game in Brisbane.

the game was not that unim-portant. The touring party, as revamped for the one-day games, now has 19 players, and seven who were not in the Test team played on Saturday, all mustard-keen to force themselves into the one-

Ramprakash flops on

the road to stupidity

day side proper. Several were playing their first serious game in months. and allowances had to be made. But the team for the first of the seven internationals, against South Africa here tomorrow, will be picked on merit and they had to seize

The most conspicuous nonseizer was Mark Ramprakash, whose sequence of truly heroic failures continued when he was given out caught at cover first ball. Illingworth seemed to ac-

cept Ramprakash's well-tele-graphed contention that the ball had looped off his fore-arm, but that does not get him anywhere near the real team. Yesterday Illingworth said that the Middlesex batsman would not be considered for at Kirsten is kid brother to the

The most obvious success

PICHIE RICHARDSON, five days with 14 balls to Muttiah Muralitharan, made a timely return to form as his side confirmed scored an outstanding 81 in Kalpage, an orthodox off-

Sri Lanka have called up

Ruwan Kalpage to join Muralitharan is included

Vintage Richardson helps end Australia's run

out from 49.3 overs.

second team, which is why It was precisely a year and a | theoretically, only Test match the game was not that unim- day since the end of the ticket-holders were being adday since the end of the Sydney Test which established him, very temporarily, as the most exciting young star in the game.

The current hindsight is that he should have played instead of Devon Malcolm last week. Beyond reasonable doubt he will now be paired with Dominic Cork as the new-ball attack. Otherwise, England may well use the Test team as the starting point, with one of the all-rounders, probably Dermot Reeve,

replacing Angus Fraser, who like Malcolm has departed. England's nemeses on Sat-urday were Faiek Davids and Paul Kirsten, who came each boundary and dismissal together at 132 for seven, with England's 196 moving out of reach. Davids was the star of black-run cricket in the bad old davs before 1990 when scores and accompany according to accompany to accompany the seach boundary and dismissal. But there was one feature that we can be certain will never be reproduced in England: in the twilight, Table old davs before 1990 when old days before 1990 when peace broke out. He has played only half-a-dozen senior one-day games since then and his highest score

true up to the point when the least the first two one-day Test player Gary (and half Western Province eighth games, which puts his World brother to Peter) and is from wicket pair, apparently on the brink of defeat, took total command and smashed 18 off for Tuesday's game and Mark is not in that," the manager that England can bring out in the most modest opposition. The whole business was

spinner and left-handed

middle-order batsman, will join the squad in Mel-

mitted, the profile was both younger and blacker than the Test crowd. Many of the English supporters may have been on strike, angry about the uncomfortable seats they were allocated by the ground authority, which has led to a

formal protest letter from tour-group leaders. South African night cricket dates back to 1968-69 and has certain features even the Ausvulgar. The stumps have been Day-glo orange for years and there are now musical snatches and silly faces on the scoreboard to accompany

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bourne tomorrow. But tralia's unbeaten record by their squad in Australia. in the squad for the forth-scoring their third win in He replaces the off-spinner coming World Cup.



Gatecrasher . . . England's Phillip DeFreitas is bowled by

Sport in brief

Radcliffe proves her class with second win

PAULA RADCLIFFE's victory in Mallusk, her second in successive weeks in the Coca-Cola international cross country series, has added to her reputation as a runner of world class. The 22-year-old Loughborough student, who last week won the Durham race, Loughborough student, who last week won the Durham race, covered the 4.6km course in 16min 2sec in the teeth of a gale. She pulled away from Kenya's Rose Cherutyot 800m from the finish after the pair had left the rest of the field trailing in the early stages. Kenya's James Kariuki sped to victory in the men's race over eight kilometres; the brother of the former world champion John Ngugi pulled away after two-thirds of the race and never relinquished his lead. Tipton's Chris Sweeney produced the race of his senior career to finish second, only two seconds adrift.

Three in a row for Tomba

ALBERTO TOMBA produced another brilliant second run to sweep to his third consecutive slalom victory in the men's Alpine skiing World Cup race at Flachau, Austria yesterday. The Italian was fourth going into the second leg but burst from the start but and stormed down the Griessenkar course, clocking the second-best time of 53.00sec and a winning combined time of Lmin

Kristina Andersson won the first World Cup slalom of her 12year career after the clear leader in the first leg, her Swedish team-mate and Olympic combination champion Pernilla Wiberg, fell in the second at Maribor in Slovenia. The 30-year-old Anders-son's combined time of Imin 45.36sec was only 0.06sec ahead of this season's overall World Cup slalom leader Elfi Eder, of

Germans to bypass Bosman

Germany's 36 first and second division soccer clubs have voted to maintain by "gentlemen's agreement" a limit of three foreign players per side, even though it has been outlawed by the European Court after the Jean-Marc Bostnan case. However, after the 35-0 vote in Frankfurt, Bayern Munich's president Franz Beckenbauer said he doubted whether the agreement — which the German Football Federation (DFB) has no means to enforce— would hold. "What happens when a club is struggling for survival, a thousand supporters are clamouring outside the gates and the club has a perfectly legal possibility of playing more foreigners?" he said. Nevertheless he promised that Bayern would conform to the agreement.

Top-shot Oakes qualifies

THE Commonwealth shot-put champion Judy Oakes, who will be 38 next month, achieved the Atlanta Olympic Games qualifying standard when she won the shot at the Puma Grand Prix indoor meeting at Crystal Palace with a throw of 18.11m - 11cm over the

Packers dispatch champions

INSPIRED, the Green Bay Packers put to the sword the San Francisco 49ers, deposing the current Super Bowl champions 27-17 in front of their home crowd in an unexpectedly one-sided National Conference play-off game, writes Mark Tran. Despite playing away from home, the Packers put on a flawless game to outwit and dissect the bewildered world champions, who had not lost in the divisional play-offs since 1988.

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odorous, of course, but they are the currency of racing No scoper had One pressed, but believes One Man destroyed his field in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Sandown on Satur-

famous grey. Desert Orchid won his first Desert Orchid won his first King George as a seven-year-old and went on to triumph at Kempton three times subse-quently. He also won a Gold be sent a list of takers. Coral's Kempton three times subsequently. He also won a Gold Cup and a Whitbread, so suggestions that One Man is his

steeplechasers, Christopher Mordaunt, is in no hurry to reassess One Man immediately but, like the thousands who travelled to Esher on Saturday, he was impressed by the grey's 14-lengths defeat of Monsieur Le Cure, with Mas-ter Oats, Val d'Alene and others strung out behind.

"It was the manner of his achievement, as much as any-thing," he said yesterday. "One or two of the fancied horses behind didn't run to at Sandown, but Gordon Richtheir mark, but he has won his first championship race and I hope he has a long and illustrious career."

Gordon Richards's first reaction was to suggest that One Man would have a single outing before the Gold Cup, the corresponding Cheltenham race won by Master Oats blood, at least the staying

twice in February."

Hales, is on holiday and in his absence Richards was u OMPARISONS are to say whether Richard Dun-

Man has a little to make up on Desert Orchid at his peak. "He's the equal of Desert day than the merit of his vic-tory was being measured against the achievements of Desert Orchid, racing's most famous grey.

Orchid when he won his first King George, " said Dun-woody. "He's very good, very clever. He loves it when he's in front and switches off a

7-4 is the best price, but it is worth remembering that not equal are premature. only was One Man disap-The senior handicapper of pointing over Cheltenham's only was One Man disapunforgiving fences behind Monsieur Le Cure two years ago, but Master Oats was almost certainly below his best

on Saturday.

The Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown on February 4 is a possible race for the Gold Cup winner, who is 8-1 with Coral's for a repeat victory. There is probably only a pound or two between the performances of Master Cats at Cheltenham and One Man ards believes his horse was fractionally short of peak fit-ness on Saturday, is better suited by good ground and, as a relatively youthful eight-yéar-old, has further improvement in him.

If the present generation of hurdlers fails to stir the ham race won by Master Oats last season, but yesterday he was having second thoughts.

"It might just come a bit too quick for him," he said. "I'd have to be light on him for a week and then put him back in full work. It's too soon to say, but I could give him a bit longer, bring him back, and when he's super fit run him twice in February."

blood, at least the staying chasers are a fine vintage. It is dubious to elevate horses on the strength of a single performance, but judging by their respective victories in the Gold Cup and the King George, Master Oats and One Man are among the best half-dozen three-mile steeplechasers since Arkle towered above his contemporaries. his contemporaries.

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Celtic could be fit for Dubai

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in the next 10 days whether Celtic Swing will be trained for the Dubai World Cup, writes Graham Rock.

Saturday to see River North contest the Ing Barings Tolworth Hurdle, but his group I with the straight and finished fifth Cup, writes Graham Rock.

"It's been a slow healing process," he said of the 1994 champion two-year-old, who wen the French Derby last North, Right Win jumped su-

injured his knee and the first hequivalent in July.

The preliminary field for the Dubai World Cup, the world's richest race, to be run at Nad Al Sheba on March 27, as Naturday.

Champion Hurdle,
David Bridgwater added Volunteer to Born To Be Wild, Most Equal and Draborgie (Martin Pipe's treble) to complete a four-timer at War-

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Blinkered today for the first time: LINGFIELD: 3.30
 Bramblehill Buck. SOUTHWELL: 2.15 Burrough Hill Lass;

Sanders 'stable'



FA CUP THIRD ROUND

Derby County 2, Leeds United 4

Leeds' late salvo fleeces Rams

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N ENRAPTURED Baseball Ground the final whistle after lavishly entertaining match. They had seen Leeds claw their way back into a tie that had been slipping away from them to beat Derby with two injury-time goals to earn a fourth-round trip to Bolton.

Although Derby had had to play for almost an hour with 10 men after Gary Rowett's dismissal, the First Division leaders had taken a 2-0 lead

early in the second half.
On the previous weekend
Leeds had played for 73 minutes against an Everton side reduced to 10 men but had performed ineptly in a com-prehensive defeat. That lesson appeared to have been ignored as Derby struck twice in two minutes.

Marco Gabbiadini benefited from a deflection to crash in a rising drive, then Paul Simpson snaked out his leg between the dithering Palmer and the hesitant Beeney to push into an unguarded net. But Derby had peaked too early.

Although Leeds's rank inconsistency must have How-ard Wilkinson watching his team from behind a fleshy blindfold of knotted hands, he need not have worried himself here. It was a struggle but eventually Derby were sub-dued, defeated on home soil for the first time since October - when they were eliminated from the Coca-Cola Cup

by the same opponents.
Curiously, the goals continued to come in pairs. Sixty-six seconds after Gary Speed had planted a sweet left-foot shot inside the far post, Brian Deane equalised by stabbing in a Dorigo cross which had

The tie was deep into added Gary McAllister pushed in the decisive third after Derby had failed to intercept Beeney's huge clearance, then Tony Yeboah cruelly lobbed

"My lot will drive me crazy, they lost."



Rams raided . . . Brian Deane finds the top corner for Leeds United's equaliser against Derby County at the Beseball Ground

grave," said Wilkinson after-"We are an honest side and today we dug ourselves out of a hole. I would think Jim Smith and his play-ers will be scratching their

Events after the interval were in marked contrast to a first half singularly lacking in appeal, although Derby were dealt two major blows in

Midway through the half from an innocuous collision

with Igor Stimac, but Darby's | Rowett, who was sent off after Croatian international did | preventing Deane from not. The Rams' most complete footballer was lifted on to a stretcher, his hands locked

Right minutes later Stimac

sprinting clear by using his right arm to pull down the Leeds forward. As Wilkinson had sug-

gested, Derby's manager Smith was indeed confused.

said, "but I have been there Derby County, Holt Nichola Yales, Stimac (Trollope, 28min) Flynn, Willems, Van der Luan, (Wrack, 60), Simpson.

to be their day, not ours.

Everton 2, Stockport County 2

Everton lose their grip

Stuart put Ever-ton ahead after only seven minntes yesterday afternoon it tine of third-round ties was bout to unfold at Goodison. The Stockport County players looked unhappily at one another, and many feared a repeat of Liverpool's 7-0 drubbing of Rochdale on Saturday.

ceding that goal was quickly transformed into a belief that all was not lost. indeed there were moments in the last 15 minutes when Everton might have lost their grip on the Cup at the first time of asking.

Last season Joe Royle's battlers managed to salvage Cup silver from a sea-son of dross, so it would be unwise to suppose Stockport will now turn them over in the replay. Everion can hardly play worse;

Stockport may not be able to play better.

With the score at 2-2 Armstrong had two chances to cause an upset and Beaumont, who for 48 hours last week believed be might have broken a leg in reserve match at Carlisle, shot just wide having

Kanchelskis always ap-peared to have it within his compass to win the game for Everton but frequently did not seem to know his north from his south. In the first 20 minutes it appeared he and Limpar might cause fearful damage, but Stock-port clung in with increas-ing tenacity, and then opened up the Premiership defence with a quality

Bennett swung the ball wide, Helliwell headed it on and Beaumont forced Sonthall into an excellent save. But the ball ran loose to Armstrong, who main-

Stephen Blerley

body good.

Manchester United 2, Sunderland 2

County grew several feet. sive error by Todd that allowed Stuart to put them ahead, and another mistake, this time from a Stuart corner, saw Ablett force Everton ahead again just

before half-time. The timing of this goal might have been too much for some teams, but as the second half unfolded so Stockport appeared increasingly likely to equalise. Once again the quality of the second equaliser was better than anything Ever-

ton could manage.
The goal that Stockport fans will be talking about from now until the replay next week came just after the hour. Todd put Beaumont away on the right; he might have held the ball up but instead hit a dangerous early cross. Helliwell, stooping low, guided the ball past Southall.

Royle could say little more than that he was de-lighted his side were still in the competition. "We were really hanging on at the

him when Duncan Ferguson tweaked a hamstring in training on Saturday. Short vas still out with a be jury and Amokachi has yet to return from Africa. Everton may need all three

Stockport's manager tonian, felt his side might have won and he was not about the outcome of the ephemeral but County will emember this as one of heir finest days.

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No result

Leicester City 0, Manchester City 0

Streptococci may be giant-killing's last best hope Cantona spoils

Commentary

David Lacey

EVEN Second Division teams won the FA Cup be-fore greed broke up the Football League. The chances of the Endsleigh First Division adding to the list will depend more than ever on the luck of the draw, not to mention the luck of the game.

The Cup is supposed to be the great leveller but the widening gaps in wealth and ability between the Premiership and the rest must have their effect. At Filbert Street on Saturday, anticipatory cheers greeted the news that Sunderland were leading at Old Trafford; but deep down most must have suspected that Manchester United

would get away with it. Yes, Sheffield Wednesday have fallen and the replays may yet mock riches and status. Won the FA Cup before now. United could still fall at Roker | They have appeared in seven Park and Arsenal at Bramail Lane. But the sort of upsets which in the past have sent underrated teams careering towards Wembley on wheels of fortune are likely to be fewer and farther between

It is 16 years since the rarely used head of Trevor Brooking beat Arsenal to bring the Cup to West Ham during one of Upton Park's Second Division interludes. Four seasons ago Sunderland's attempt to revive glorious nemories of 1973 amounted to a no-show in the 1992 final when Pretsmouth might well have

given the old Second Division's swansong a sweeter note that year. Their four-hour struggle with Liverpool in a semi-final ultimately decided by penalties was the proletariat's last major epic, which is not to forget the later gallantries of Derby, Wolves, Luton and Bolton. Leicester City ought to have

They have appeared in sever semi-finals and four finals. when they lost to Tottenham Manchester United and Manchester City. In 1949 they combined a Wembley appearance with a narrow escape from relegation to the Third Division.

Looking at the qualities of that Leicester side, containing Chisholm and Don Revie, who missed the final with Wolves through illness, is to realise how uneven the spread of talent has now become. The fact that the present Leicester City team had the better of Saturday's draw with Manchester City did not

amount to a counter-argument against the prevailing patterns of power. In fact it rather proved the point. Not so long ago any half-decent Second Division team would have beaten Manchester City.
The oddly assorted polyglot

Birmingham City 1, Wolves 1

hest player, the Georgian Georgiou Kinkladte, was missing with a sore throat. His Danish replacement, Romie Ekelund played in the hole like a square peg. Quinn was bottled up by the Leicester centre-backs, and open goal twice with succes

Manchester City owed their survival partly to solid de-fending by Curle and Symons, an old Portsmouth Cup hero but as much to the profligacy of a Leicester attack whos finishing was as awry as its approach was profound. Corica and Taylor to take the ball past defenders and the regularity with which Gray-son and Philpott turned the opposing flanks was not matched by Roberts and Rob-

saved Alex Ferguson's career at Old Trafford. On Saturday Robins had several opportunities to get the management of Martin O'Neill at Filbert Street off to a bright start, but he missed them all. None, however, was so glaring as when Iwan Roberts, Leices-

ter's leading scorer, lifted the ball over from five yards. By their words shall you know their teams. Afterwards O'Neill spoke enthusiastically about Leicester's footballing qualities, querying only a tendency to over-elaborate near goal. "You can't have a guy like Parker in your side and not play football," he insisted. Alan Ball, on other hand, could only talk about "fighting and scrapping for your life". That was a fair observation after a tie Manchester

assembly from Maine Road | Manchester United at Not- back at Maine Road Much were there to be taken. Their tingham Forest probably will depend on the streptococci lurking in a Georgian throat. Without Kinkladze this City side will always be swallow ing hard.

Laicester City: Poole: Smith, Hill, Wai Grayson, Taylor, Parker, Corica (Joach 81min), Philipott, Roberts, Robins. Manchester Citys Immel; Summerbec Curie, Symbne, Brightwell, Lomas Fiscroft, Brown, Dielund, Quinn, Rosler. leferee: R Gifford (Llanbradach)

· Charlton must thank a third-choice striker, left on the bench for 10 successive games before a Boxing Day call-up for their status as the third round's only giant-killers so far — and that despite having their captain John Humphrey snuggle up to the Makems. Sunderland and Newcastle

sent off after 55 minutes The Ghanajan-born Kim Grant broke clear to latch on to an incisive Paul Mortime pass and score on seven min utes, and on 36 minutes h was tripped by the Shelfleld Wednesday goalkeeper Kevin In the third round six years and which they will need to ago Mark Robins's goal for follow by something better coverted by Mortimer.

Wearside (to say nothing of Merseyide) knows, Manchester United are the great For long periods of this excellent Cup tie United had the effect on Sunderland of an

the Christmas season when

the lion lay down with the

supporters will no doubt be

forever at daggers drawn. Nevertheless regionalism still holds sway in soccer, and

as everybody on Tyneside and

enema rather than enemy. Peter Reid's team were flushed, because of United's defensive incompetence, with the sort of confidence that threatened to leave the bome team in the clarts.

Simplistically this tie hinged on two substitutions. Sunderland were already a goal down to Butt when their skipper. Ball, signalled to the bench with a scissor move-ment of his flattened hands that his thigh strain was terminal. On came Agnew, who equalised and then created Sunderland's second for the impressive Russell.

Just before Sunderland's two goals Alex Ferguson slipped Sharpe into the fray and it was his pace, coupled with the unerring accuracy of his left foot, which finally enabled Cantona to save the Reds from their third successive early cup exit this season. Sunderland, in style, are a close replica of the Howard

Kendall Everton team in which Reid played during the Eighties, with Bracewell pro-

field. The ball is played carefully from the back, with the HEN a hard-bitten midfield persistently attempt-Geordie admits that Sunderland are uning to ease play wide or, bet-ter still, behind the opposilucky, it is just about possible

tion defence. to believe that the wind of United's defence is not what success tearing across the North-east is blowing everyit used to be, although on this occasion there was some excuse, with Irwin, Pallister and Bruce returning and appearing less than match-fit.
The absence of Schmeichel However, even so soon after lamb, one cannnot suppose the Magpies are about to was also crucial; he would probably have saved both Sunderland goals.

This is to take nothing away from Sunderland. If they could reproduce this form every week they would surely return to the Premier ship. Then Newcastle could have a real derby, for as all North-easterners know, Mid-dlesbrough is a foreign land,

being in Yorkshire of old.

The problems all teams have with United is that, even when they are not collectively on song, they have soloists capable of a sudden piercing descant of inspiration, Butt's goal owed everything to a unison of movement; Cantons's equaliser; courtesy of Sharpe's quickly taken in-swinging free-kick, was a sin-

Reid kept his counsel on the way Cantona's elusiveness in the six-yard box allowed the Frenchman a free header.
"We talked about it," said
Reid; no doubt in words of ew syllables.

But this was not a Sunderland performance that war-ranted recrimination. Ferguson knew his side had been fortunate. "But at least we did something in the last 20 minutes." The replay will be

relished by all. PETERIER DY 211

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Villa charged over asbestos

officials this week after the alleged discovery of asbes-

tos contamination at Villa

The Health and Safety Exfound at the Birmingham ground during renovation

ASTON VILLA are being tractors of failing to ensure the health of employees and

Demolition work by Bamcon Ltd uncovered debris contaminated with crocidolite, known as blue asbesecutive claims asbestos was tos, the executive claims. The Premiership club and the contractors could face work on the Doug Ellis stand last May in the close season and it is accusing the club and a firm of couistrates Court on Friday. istrates Court on Friday.

Notts County 1, Middlesbrough 2

Boss Robson fines Boro's cursing, ageing inspiration

David Hopps

BRYAN ROBSON's rare for-ays on to the field do not come lightly these days. His sciatica was "as sore as hell" and Middlesbrough's player-manager had just had to dock his own wages, but the satis-faction on his face after this match indicated that it had all

been worthwhile. With seven players injured and five defeats in their last six matches, Boro looked more susceptible than most Premiership sides, even against such an unsubtle lot as County, but the most important fitness test was the one that Robson passed and which enabled him to confront the challenge head-on.

Robson's 39th birthday is this week, and he can do without the continual reminders. He knows how old he is every time he limps upstairs for a

Renowned for years as England's finest box-to-box midfield player, now he would prefer to make such long journey by public transport. But for 90 minutes here he cajoled and cursed his vulnerable side to safety, and as County pressed for a late equaliser it was Robson who twice made

clearance headers. The sciatica was painful before the match and I was surprised how well I lasted." Robson said. "But the muscle didn't cramp up and as long as that doesn't happen then can get through it." Robson's reinvention as

manager may have begun but on the field his temper can still run unchecked. The player griped at the referee during the first half when a supposed foul upon Stamp went unpunished; the manger imposed the mandatory 10 per cent fine. Only sciatica of the mouth (as yet undiscov-

ered) could ever change that. Excitement at the signing of Juninho temporarily thrust upon Boro a stature they have not yet earned. Quite what the Brazilian made of this grim survival stuff, however,

is anyone's guess.

Boro survived thanks to two goals early in the second half: the first by Pollock, from Barmby's cross from the right; the second from Barmby, making a convinc-

ing return from injury. County quickly responded as Devlin cut in from the left and Rogers, on his debut, provided an assured finish, but the anticipated assault never materialised. Meadow Lane is a magnificently rebuilt stadium; only the team still looks outdated.

SCORERS: Notts County: Roger: Notes Countys Ward: Gallagher (Agana 83), Murphy, Strodder, Hogg. Baraclough, Rogers, Turner (Simpson, 67), Devin, Arkins, Legg Artins, Legy Middlesbroughs Walsh, Liddle iSiemp, 32], Vickers, Whelan, Pearson, Flaming, Politock, Robson, Barmby, Juninho,

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Blue moves

Russell Thomas

OUSED in a refur-bished St Andrew's, Birmingham appear a club of growing stature, campaigning on two cup fronts and pushing for the Premiership. Yet Barry Fry ponders aloud: "Maybe we are not as big a club as we

Birmingham's manager was concerned less at being held up on the FA Cup road by Mark McGhee's Wolves than at the long-term threat to City's growth posed by the axing of their youth policy after the Bos-man ruling. The fear is that at 18 the best players will be plucked by the top clubs

without recompense.

David Sullivan, Birming-ham's joint owner, also plans to buy a club in the Republic of Ireland to avoid paying transfer fees for out-of-contract English players. They would be "parked" in Ireland for, say, a year and then returned at no cost to Eng-

land with Birmingham.
Sullivan says he has a "90 per cent chance" of completing the deal before the end of the season. But yesterday the Football League ruled it out, its assistant secretary Andy Williamson saying: "Any formal connection between clubs within the International

Football League Board - and that includes the Football League, the Premie League and both Irish Leagues — is prohibited." Fry may be an exceptional wheeler-dealer, but scrapping the youth policy is stretching this reputation. They reckon it will save around £250,000 a year." he said. 'They say I can spend that on young lads coming out of non-League at £30,000

or £40,000." Fry deployed his resources on Saturday less effectively than McGhee, whose three centre-backs formed an imposing barrier. Until the loss of Em-blen with shoulder trouble, Wolves looked highly capable of protecting the lead secured by Steve Bull's extraordinary header, combining accuracy and power. from just outside the area.

Birmingham raised their tempo to breakneck in the second half, but speed of thought ushered in the equaliser. Poole's quickly taken free-kick led to a blocked Claridge shot, the full-back driving the rebound low past Stowell. SCORERS: Birmingham City: Poo ("2min), Wolves: Bull (25). Birming regrette (iii) (2); Birmingham City: Bennett: Poole Edwards, Dunh, Frain, Donours, Forsylli Richardson, Hunt (Bowen, 59min) Claridge, Francis (S Bull, 89). Welverhampton Wandererss Storoll Wolverhampton Wanderfers Storoll, Thompson, Young, Richards, Emblen (Rankine, h-t. Foley, 54), Paarce (Ferguson, 51), Ahres, Coborn, Williams & Bull, Goodman.

Plymouth Argyle 1, Coventry City 3

Coventry keep it low and deliver the triple blow

TO BE sent to Coventry is bad enough; to be sent to Plymouth on a wet, windswept afternoon is worse, and for 45 minutes Ron Atkinson's Premiership side enjoyed this match as much as an attack of toothache. Reduced to 10 men after 18

minutes, a goal down from the resultant free-kick and facing a gale. Coventry were up against it. But by half-time one sensed that Plymouth had blown it by not making optimum use of the wind. Richardson had smacked a shot against the bar to hint at the proverbial game of two halves. And so it proved.

Plymouth had wasted their numerical and wind-assisted advantage with too many hasty long balls that carried far beyond often over-eager front men. Coventry were not to fall into the same trap and their three goals in five minutes early in the second half came from keeping the ball on the ground.

Earlier it had all looked so promising for Argyle, rock-eted into the lead by Baird after the harassed Busst had been sent off for tripping Evans as he raced towards the penalty area. Coventry. dumped out at this stage in recent years by Sutton and Northampton, looked in trou-

"But I never thought we

would get beaten," said At-kinson. "I told my players we would get goals in the second half." Between the 53rd and 58th minutes, Pickering, Salako and Telfer took the manager at his word.

The outcome might still have been different if, shortly after Pickering's equaliser, Evans had restored the lead He shrugged off two defend ers, set himself perfectly for the shot but fired wide. "I felt the result hinged on that miss," said Argyle's man-ager Neil Warnock. "Our heads dropped a little and

other end and got their second."
With promotion his priority, Warnock was far from downhearted. "We can hold our heads up," he said. "We showed we can fill the ground even in such miserable conditions, but we were sloppy for

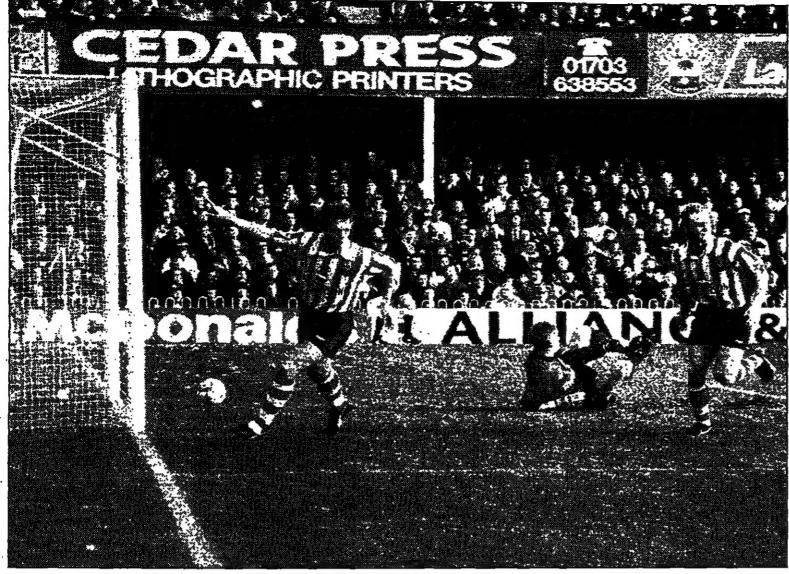
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position punished us." Argyle never stopped try-ing and Saunders should have reduced the arrears before Logan forced Ogrizovic into his only difficult save, a superb fingertip effort to turn a flerce long-range drive over the bar.

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SCARERS Flymouth Argylet Baird (19mic). Coversity City: Pickwing (53). Balako (55). Tollet (56). Pickwing (53). Balako (55). Tollet (56). Phymouth Argylet Blackwell; Billy, Paul Williams, Legan, Heatherts, Hitl. Baird Tranddy, 70). Mange (Saunders, 70). Littlejohn. Evano, Leadhitist Coversity City. Cystcovic; Pickwing, Hall. Shaw, Paul Williams, Busst. Richardson, Teller, Wholan, Dublin, Salako.

Beforess S Williard Wirthing.



Lucky Jim . . . Magliton points the way for Southampton after Portsmouth's keeper Knight had failed to hold Le Tissier's shot PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Southampton 3, Portsmouth 0

Pompey gunned down by Le Tissier's craft

HERE is no rivalry in English football more intense than that between these two Hampshire clubs, and the relative infrequency of their meetings — this was only the 29th, and the first for eight years -

Paul Weaver

adds piquancy. On this occasion, however, the derby frenzy failed to disguise the difference in quality between the two sides. There was no lack of competitive-ness; sometimes there was a

match for the superior finish-ing and better-organised defending of the Premiership

They were unable to break the Saints down and found Matthew Le Tissier in his most expansive form of the current campaign. He made two goals, although his sixth booking of the season may two goals, although his sixth booking of the season may keep him on the sidelines for fielder, struck in the 12th and the fourth-round home tie against Crewe.
"This was the brightest

Matt has played," said Southampton's manager Dave Merrington. "It helps him that he little too much, and Martin no longer has the captaincy to seconds after Portsmouth's Bodenham booked eight play worry about. He captained Walsh had a penalty appeal ers. But Portsmouth were no more by example but he's no turned down. Southampton

Portsmouth were also unfortunate that Southampton,-who had been knocked out of the Coca-Cola Cup by Read-ing, were clearly determined not to be tripped up by an-other First Division side.

46th minutes and Portsmouth were well beaten by the time Neil Shipperley added a third from Le Tissier's cross in the 81st minute.

The opening goal came

Barry Venison, who has that extra bit of charisma." | countered at speed and found | Terry Fenwick observed; "I the visitors' defenders in disarray. Watson crossed from the right, Gittens half-cleared, Knight palmed the ball off the line and Magilton finally bundled it in.

The second goal, 50 seconds into the second half, was crafted by Le Tissier. Receiv-ing the ball well within his own half from his goalkeeper's throw, he advanced deep into enemy territory and as Stimson backed off he tested Knight with a curling drive. The goalkeeper could only parry the shot and Ma-gilton converted a simple

Portsmouth's manager

volley.

thought three goals flattered Southampton but we saw the difference between the sides in the penalty areas."

in the penalty areas."

Magilton, going for a third goal when he should have squared the ball, beamed with pure honesty afterwards. "I went for the glory. Well, it would have been a hat-trick. You have been a hat-trick. You know how it is. I don't think I'm on Gordon Watson's Christmas card list."

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Brough diamond outshines Spurs

than that," Brough said after-wards amid the swarm of

radio microphones and press-

men's pestering. "I felt com-fortable out there. Okay, a

free transfer marking the England centre-forward, but

he's only got two arms and

two legs just like me.

"The thing with sport is to test yourself against the best, isn't it? Certainly it was my

biggest game since my League debut, Shrewsbury against

York. That was exciting all

right. I was a striker then.
"The gaffer [Graham

Turner] wound us up at half-time, saying, 'Don't come back here in 45 minutes

shrugging with regrets that you blew a really good chance

Frank Keating finds romance still alive and kicking at Third Division Hereford

EREFORD staged an afternoon drenched in both the rain and the romance of it all. Strenham Hotspur had gered into the dreamy tity with good reason; not "I've had harder games than the strength of the strengt Tottenham Hotspur had old city with good reason; not only were they 79 league places ahead of their oppo-nents, in their previous match they had laid Manches-ter United to waste by 4-1. In the event the strutters were bonnily ambushed and lucky k home with a 1-1 draw.

For all Hereford's typical bargain-basement XI — journeymen ancients and YTS tiros — this was not the traditional kick-and-run hijack. However much their hearts and spirits were pumping,

Hereford composed a sensible and thoughtful game.

After half an hour Rosen-thal had scored for Tottenham, flukily turning in a shot from Caskey that was flying wide. But Hereford kept their shape, even past the hour when their captain Smith made a horrible hash in turning his penalty kick into a rugby conversion. At which moment the plot

threw up a hero. John Brough is 23 today. He was on Notts County's books as a teenager then played for Shrewsbury Town and Telford as a centre forward before, probably as a last throw of his dice, coming to Hereford on a free transfer.

Having recovered from a back injury he has played in Hereford's last seven games, now as a central defender— and he knew he would be marking England's centre-for-ward Sheringham — worth. in successive transfers, £4.5

For an hour Brough allowed Sheringham scarcely a sniff of the ball, let alone a sight of goal. Now, his captain (at £75,000 Hereford's most expensive player) having missed the penalty, Brough welcomed him back in defence with: "No worries, skip, we'll get one in a minute or two, these Spurs are totally on the ropes.

And so it came to pass. Two minutes later, with the

"Everyone's happy, but by far the happiest man in Hereford-shire tonight is our bank manager," said the club's di-rector Robin Fry.

To their credit, Hereford could have taken the money and changed the original tie to White Hart Lane. The bank

manager would have liked that. The directors insisted on staying at dinky Edgar Street "to give the city a fete and the players a better chance of upromance has given them the best of both worlds.

There was, somehow, an inevitability about it — when, with the old city jangling with anticipation at lunchtime, gramme, which contained ex-plicit details for supporters planning the replay journey on Wednesday week.

"Enfield borough council warn that access to White Warn that access to White Hart Lane will only be poss-ible via the High Road from the Angel Islington . . . "It was all writ in the stars. The boldest of which was John

of glory.' But mind you, we have quite a few 'gaffers' giving the others stick out there on the field." Heroford United: MacKenzie; Evant Fahlock, D Smith, Pounder, Brough, Lyne Willing, Cross, White, Downing. No, he did not have a clue if Tettenhern Heisper: Walker; Auelin, Edinburgh, Mabbutt, Netharccti, Fox (Dozzelf, 51; Rosenthal, Caskey, Campbell, Sheringham, Armstrong. the side were "on a bonus" for ensuring the replay and a

Falkirk double takes record man McCoist closer to an Ibrox bar

ALLY McCOIST has the scent of records in his nostrils, after a double in Rangers' 4-0 victory at Falkirk saw the celebrated striker equal the all-time club record of 230 Scottish league goals scored by Bob McPhail in the inter-war years, writes Patrick Glenn.

There is a lounge at Ibrox named after McPhail, and room may soon be found for the irrepressible McCoist as he is also threatening Gordon's Wallace's post war Scottish record of 264 league goals. Between his 12 years with Rangers and his spell as a teenager at St Johnstone he has racked up 252, so the club and

second and fourth goals — a penalty — at Brockville but Durie, at the top of his form, began the rout.

Almost unnoticed, the free-scoring Rangers have gone seven matches without conceding a score. Their 20-strong goal differ-ence is worth a point in their title defence against Celtic, who showed an anxious and unhealthy reli-ance on Van Hooijdonk in beating Motherwell 1-0.

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FA CUP THIRD ROUND

Chelsea 1, Newcastle United 1

Ferdinand to rescue in late show shocks

NLY a messy Rus-sian salad of a goal-kick, combined with Les Ferdinand's acute instincts, kept Newcastle United in the Cup at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Just when it seemed that

Chelsea's defence had pre-served the narrow lead created by their counter-attack-ing skills, Glenn Hoddle's team found themselves hauled back to St James' Park for the third round's 14th replay. So far this season Newcastle have proved omnipotent at home, and Chelsea lost 2-0 there in

reptember.

To complete the Bridge's for the frustration the draw for the fourth round then offered the Queens Park Rangers, where Chelsea had won in the Premiership five days earlier.

Newcastle have not won away in the league since beating QPR in mid-October, and yesterday's performance fell some way below the standards of the 1-0 victory at Liverpool in the Coca-Cola Cup which will take them back to quarter-final at Arsenal.

It would be easy to say that sheer persistence by Newcastle spared them a second de-feat at Stamford Bridge in four weeks. Certainly they laid siege to the opposing goal in the last quarter-hour, but as the match reached its third minute of stoppage time Chel-sea's worst crisis appeared to

As Kharine prepared to take a goal-kick the mood relaxed in anticipation of the final whistle. All the Chelses oalkeeper had to do was hoof

the Newcastle half. on edge after being bawled corner, and neatly delivered a one-iron shot straight to the

head of Albert, who was lurk-ing near the halfway line. The Belgian immediately nodded it through a square and helpless defence, and Fer-dinand's 23rd goal of the season, scored with a sure, nar-row-angle shot, duly followed. Maybe Kevin Keegan

should take some credit for the fact that Albert was there at all. After Chelsea, tackling tenaciously and outmanoeuvring their opponents in midfield, had dominated the first half, the Newcastle man-

ager replaced Lee, who is car-rying an Achilles injury, with Clark and abandoned his plan

performance

Chelsea were Newcastle's su-periors in almost every aspect of the game. The pattern of the play bore strong echoes of their 1-0 defeat of the league eaders a month earlier. Wise ran the midfield with

requently took him clear o strength and skill.

The goal that gave Chelsea the lead in the 35th minute followed an inspired pass from Wise which released weight and angle of centre to with an imperious header.

the injured Petrescu Chelses did not seem in need of such held a sharp volley from Fur long, after Wise and Phelan had again exposed Newcastle on the left, the contest would have been over in the 74th

instincts did not let Newcas

to play three at the back by pushing Albert forward. Once the change had been made Newcastle produced

some of their better attacking rhythms, and Chelsea were starting to ride their luck the denial of victory was hard on Chelsea's central defenders and especially Duberry, who had repeated the excel-lence of his pre-Christmas

For the best part of an hour

strong support from Newton brought the ball out steadily on the right, Phelan's speed Barton on the left, and Hughes held the ball up with

Phelan, who may not be football's most consistent crosser of a ball but this time find Hughes at the far post Having stolen through the de-In the penultimate minute of the first half Albert's volley evaded Kharine's fingers only to bounce to safety off the left-

Kharine had suffered a moment of panic five minutes earlier, when he slipped in the act of clearing Hughes's back-pass and was grateful that Ferdinand could not keep the ball in play. Ferdinand had a goal disallowed for offside 11 minutes from time, but at the last his predator's

tle down.



FOURTH-ROUND DRAW

Arsenal or Sheffield United v Aston Villa Bolton Wanderers v Leeds United Chariton Athletic v Brentford Coventry City v Leicester City or Manchester City Everton or Stockport County v Crystal Palace or Port Vale

Fulham or Shrewsbury Town v Liverpool Hereford United or Tottenham v Birmingham City or Wolves Huddersfield Town v Peterborough United Ipswich Town or Blackburn Rovers v Walsall Middlesbrough v Watford or Wimbledon Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea or Newcastle United

Reading v Manchester United or Sunderland Southampton v Crewe Alexandra Stoke City or Nottingham Forest v Millwall or Oxford United Swindon Town v Barnsley or Oldham Athletic West Ham United v Grimsby Town

(to be played January 27/28/29).

Newcastle seek capital gains

Aussell Thomas

ES FERDINAND will aim to leave the calling card of another goal at his old Loftus Road premises if Newcastle can exploit the great escape staged by their \$6 million man yesterday.

Newcastle seem destined to take the capital route to cup honours after being handed a London trip to QPR in the fourth-round draw yesterday. But first Kevin Keegan's team must overcome Chelsea in

capital on Wednesday to face Arsenal in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals, and Keegan said: "We've had so many draws against London clubs that I'm thinking of setting up

a base round here."

Loftus Road will stage one
of two all-Premiership contests, with Leeds's own recovery at Derby bringing Howard Wilkinson's side a return to Bolton, where they won 2-0 at Christmas.

That number will swell to five if Manchester City (at Coventry). Wimbledon (at Middlesbrough) and Arsenal (home to Aston Villa) win

their replays.

The showbiz-style ceremony failed to bring lustre to a draw riddled with uncer-

their replay on January 17. tainty after 32 third-round Newcastle are back in the ties produced 14 stalemates.

ties produced 14 stalemates. There are only five definite ties, one seeing Saturday's beadline makers. Charlton and Brentford, meeting at The Valley.

The romance of the Cup

will be captured on the favourites Liverpool's visit to favourites Liverpool's visit to Shrewsbury or Fulham, with the Shropshire side likely to confront the goal power of Collymore and company at Gay Meadow. The sold-out no-tices will go up at Reading's Elm Park, too, if last season's finalists. Manobetta: United

finalists Manchester United overcome Sunderland. Joe Royle refused to con-sider the holders Everton's next potential Goodison task. against Crystal Palace or Port Vale, before still-difficult

ss with Stockport

'return' Warks

ARWICKSHIRE W Brian Lara is already contemplating a return to sh cricket, only three months after abandoning his record three-year contract with the county.

"I have recharged my bat teries and I'm feeling really keen and enthusiastic," was reported in the Mail On Sun-day. "If a really good offer came in from an English county, I'd be delighted to consider it."

Lara's confused state of mind since he walked out of West Indies' tour to England last summer makes his in-tentions highly unpredict-able. One minute he feels ed and unloved and threatens to retire; the next he announces that his batteries are recharged and that he is open to offers. But his ickshire's chief executive Dennis Amiss to react with understandable consterna-

tion last night.

Amiss said: "We cancelled his contract and be is a free agent, but the spirit of our agreement was that he would not play for anyone else in 1996. We would be very disappointed if he did play for another county, and I'm sure the committee

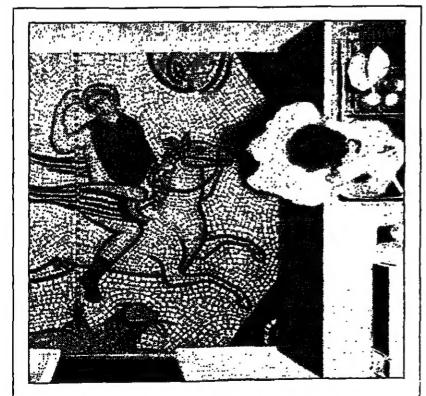
would have to look at it."

Lara pleaded exhaustion when he scrapped his War-wickshire contract, worth some £100,000 a year. Even esterday he did not disguise his reservations about the draining demands of the county circuit. "Too much cricket is played in Rng-land," he said. "That can kill enthusiasm, so spoiling the quality of play. I'm not preburnt out by overdoing the

amount of cricket I play." Named at the weekend in West Indies' provisional 18-man World Cup party, Lara has yet to confirm his availability. He refused to tour Australia with West Indies his fires — or protest — at his fire for indiscipline in England last summer. Warwickshire hope to fi-

nalise a one-year deal with Sham Pollock, or his South Africa colleague Brian Mc-Millan, for next season, with Allan Donald intimating that he might be willing to return in 1997.

Surrey and Hampshire bave yet to announce their overseas professionals for next season, but Lara, even though he is the finest batsman in the world, represents a considerable gamble.



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Sleightholme and Ojomoh get surprise **England** call

Robert Armstrong

JON SLEIGHTHOLME, Who cannot command a regular place in the Bath side, has been called up by England to face France in the opening fixture of rugby union's Five Nations Championship in Paris on Saturday week.

The wing is one of two controversial changes for next week's game. Tim Rodber, regarded by many a year ago as a future England captain, is dropped as Jack Rowell again turns to his former club Bath and calls up Steve Ojomoh at blind-side flanker. Sleightholme is the fifth player introduced by

Rowell this season and the England manager admits his team are not as strong as the side that entered last year's Five Nations. 'We are in a histus but in

two or three years' time we will have a 30-man squad of internationally talented players," Rowell said. "You can't expect young men to deliver the goods in the way that [Brian] Moore and [Rob] Andrew were in the latter part of their

Sleightholme, aged 23 and a PE teacher, replaces the Wasps centre Damian Hopley, who played two games on the wing for Enggames on the wing for Eng-land before Christmas. As Rowell said, "Sleightholme is very quick", but Hopley will feel aggrieved after his performances against South Africa and Western Samoa. He is not even in

the squad of 21. Ojomoh, who has 10 caps, is no stranger to the French, having shared in England's fourth succes-



Sleightholme . . . new face

sive victory in Paris two

of his customary domi-nance in last month's victory over the Samoans it was not enough for Rowell. "Regretfully Rowell. "Regretfully Rodber has been off-key for best but his loss of form has continued through several games going back to the World Cup.

"We have talked to his coach at Northampton. Ian McGeechan, and Tim him-self about this. Unfortunately the corner has not been turned. We saw the trend in the World Cup." A twisted knee sustained in Northampton's league

victory over Nottingham at the weekend may have convinced Rowell that the omens were ripe for a change. Even so, Rodber's absence could limit Eng-land's ball-winning capacity at the tail of the line-out. Ojomoh's contribution in that area tends to veer sharply between the inspired and the eccentric.

No one can deny that Rowell's changes underpin an ambitious game plan which seeks to maximise England's pace and driving power, but the gnawing suspicion persists that this revamped team will come to grief if they attempt to take on France at their own game.

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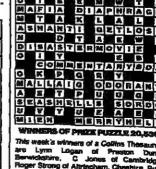
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- 6 The traines on an old ship can be slow (5)
- 9 A Belgian centre one pass
- 10 Put on before attended to (9) 11 Stars never wobble from side to

side (10)

- 12 People holding a middle position (4) 14 Intimates they could be finders
- out (7) 15 Figure the heck will appear in time (7)
- Like a ring for a women superior household god (7)
- A resort area some choose as ideal for retirement (7) 20 Cut a quarter, then left it (4)
- 22. Adjust rate and things will be different (10) 25 Support for a fishermen's club' (5-4)
- Soldiers must precade the first lady and that's official (5) 27 Ocean-going vessels moving quickly (5)

- 1 Beginning to appear scared (5)
- 2 Commercial address occasioning high esteem (9) 3 Request one after another in ;
- 4 Certainly not slow to speak (7) 5 Advances a member of the
- family (7) 6 Having money, always look sly (4)
- 7 Go on about a key causing a
- 8 Regulation of the unit dividing military supplies (9)
- Tip over cross put in unsafe position (10)
- 14 Workers following a standard being set in Arizona (9) 16 Conjecture about crooked characters till proved
- 18 A painter races to hit the gint 19 Musician taking rest in a break



21 Fire in delight almost (5)

23 Viewed as upwardly mobile — without many short-comings (5) 24 Basic measures (4)

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